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for Crewkerne, Chard, Ilminster and Yeovil

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Government reveals plans to ease congestion on A303

SOUTH Somerset road users are being asked to give their views on government plans for road improvements to the A303, near Yeovil.

The key route, which is heavily used by those travelling from Devon and South Somerset to London, is set for a series of upgrades between Sparkford and Ilchester to relieve the over-congested road and create 30 miles of dual carriageway between South Petherton and Mere.

Yeovil MP Marcus Fysh has welcomed the publication of government plans, saying: "The publication of the plans is a very positive development and we are a step closer to seeing much needed improvements that will help to end traffic problems on one of our busiest routes and provide quicker, safer and more reliable journeys for drivers.

"It is vitally important we get this right, so I would encourage all local residents to check out the plans, attend one of the public exhibitions and have a say.

"I will also be organising sessions for the public and businesses in Yeovil, where you can see the plans in detail and talk to the Highways England team.

"I look forward to working closely with Highways England and other stakeholders over the coming months and helping to progress the plans in time for work to begin in 2020."

A public consultation on two potential routes

Peter Hodges

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for the improved road started last week and continues until Wednesday, March 29th.

The Highways England public exhibitions take place on the following dates: Thursday, February 23rd, 12noon to 8pm at Sparkford Inn, Sparkford; Saturday, February 25th, 10am to 5pm at Queen Camel Memorial Hall, Queen Camel; and Friday, March 10th, 10am to 6pm at Davis Hall, West Camel.

The £170 million plans are part of the government's £15billion investment in motorways and major 'A' roads between 2015 and 2020 – the

biggest in a generation.

Transport secretary Chris Grayling said: "Almost four million trips are made on the A303 every year and we are investing more than £2billion to improve these motorists' journeys, making them quicker and safer.

"Tackling congestion on this vital road will also help boost the economy in the South West, unlock thousands of jobs and homes and promote tourism."

Highways England hopes to announce the preferred route in Autumn 2017.

The section of the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester currently comprises of a mix of dual and single lane carriageway,

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

ILMINSTER man Fred Oliver decided against asking for gifts from family and friends to celebrate his 80th birthday and instead requested donations be made to local charity School in a Bag.

Fred's request for donations amounted to £320 and he went along to the charity's headquarters in Chilthorne Domer near Yeovil to hand over a cheque.

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CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

A CREWKERNE resident has pleaded with drivers to slow down in East Street to prevent a fatal accident.

David Lee says the 20mph limit in place for part of East Street is constantly broken.

"When a pedestrian is finally killed along this road the driver will no doubt fail to understand why they are facing a charge of manslaughter," he commented.

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■ YEOVIL MP Marcus Fysh (left) pictured with Conservative councillors Gina Seaton, Neil Bloomfield, Mike Lewis and Graham Middleton and Highways England project manager David Stock

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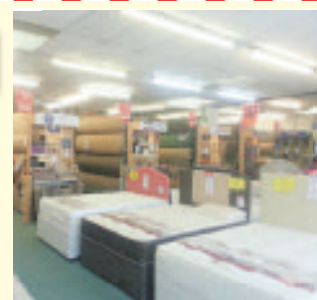
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NEWS FROM AROUND PULMAN'S COUNTRY...

East Devon & South Somerset

Seaton councillor quits Tories

SEATON district and county councillor Jim Knight has announced that he has left the Conservatives to become an Independent.

The decision was prompted by his failure to be nominated as a Conservative in the forthcoming Devon County Council elections.

The Conservatives chose Helen Parr as a candidate for what will be the new Seaton and Colyton Ward following a boundary review.

On Friday afternoon he told *Pulman's View from Seaton & Colyton*: "I've been asked by lots of people to stand as an Independent [for county council]. I have given it a lot of thought and, yes, I will stand as an Independent.

"I have given notice to Devon County Council (DCC) and East Devon District Council (EDDC) that I will go Independent. I'm going Independent so that I don't let the people down who have put their trust in me."

Cllr Knight has been a member of Devon County Council for eight years.

Tiverton and Honiton Conservative Association chairman Christopher Kimber said he knew nothing about councillor Knight leaving the party.

He said: "I'm unaware that Jim Knight has left the Conservative Party."

"He has obviously told you, but he hasn't told me and, to my understanding, he hasn't told EDDC leadership - so we are left in a little bit of limbo at the moment."

"We'll deal with the matter when we get a formal notification."

When asked, Cllr Knight told this newspaper that he had given notice, verbally, to EDDC leader Paul Diviani and DCC leader John Hart - and that he will write formally to Mr Kimber.

Councillor Knight also claimed that the selection process was handled by the Coly-

ton and Colyton Conservative branch, not the Conservative Constituency Association, and that only 'Colyton people' voted.

Mr Kimber denied this, saying that the process was managed entirely by senior Conservatives from outside Seaton and Colyton, and that all members from within the electoral area were given notice of time and place for the election and invited to vote.

The successful candidate, Helen Parr, said: "Following many approaches from local people on whether I might stand for election to Devon County Council, with the challenges involved in representing both Seaton and widespread rural communities, I am delighted to have been selected as the Conservative party candidate, feeling suitably qualified to do so, should electors of Seaton and Colyton give me the opportunity to represent their best interests at County Hall."

Crewkerne supermarket to close less than a year after re-branding

A CREWKERNE supermarket is set for closure after its owner entered administration.

The Budgens store (formerly a Co-op and Sumerfield) is one of 36 around the UK affected by the owner going into administration.

The Food Retailer Group Limited bought a subsidiary company from the Co-operative Group last year.

The subsidiary has since been renamed The Food Retailer Operations Limited and launched a Company Voluntary Arrangement (CVA) proposal, but it was voted down by creditors.

As a result, the company placed the business in administration and a sale process to find a purchaser for all or some of the stores began.

John Gorle, Usdaw National Officer, said: "This is a very disappointing result, which creates a great deal of uncertainty for staff."

"I will be seeking an urgent meeting with the administrator."

"Udaw's priorities are to save jobs and keep stores open."

"We are talking to the Co-op about possible re-deployment opportunities for any affected employees and we will explore all avenues to help members seek alternative employment."

Closing down sale posters have since been dis-



■ **EVERYTHING MUST GO:** Crewkerne's Budgens store only opened last summer

played in the Crewkerne branch, and a union spokesperson said it is the union's understanding that the branch is closing.

Pulman's View from South Somerset sought comment from administrator PwC, but had not received a reply at the time of going to press.

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Pensioner jailed after making lewd comments to girl

A PENSIONER has been jailed after making lewd comments to a 12-year-old girl.

Keith Clifford Male, 80, who was drunk on cider, made the offensive remarks while they were both waiting for a bus in Yeovil.

The schoolgirl became upset and was comforted by another man who was waiting, who Male then swore at.

When police arrived at the scene, Male let off an expletive filled tirade before challenging the officer to a fight.

Male was arrested and found to be in breach of a suspended prison sentence previously imposed for making racist remarks to a young black girl.

The young girl at the bus stop told police his lewd comments "made me feel very uncomfortable about my body image".

Male admitted two counts of using threatening or abusive words or behaviour, or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

He also admitted using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards a man with intent to cause him distress.

He was jailed for 18 weeks by District Judge David Taylor at Yeovil Magistrates' Court.

The judge told Male: "The 12-year-old girl said that your utterly uncalled-for and drunken observations about her body had made her feel not good about herself, and made her feel uncomfortable about her body image."

"This sort of harm can remain with young people like this all of their life."

"And then you offered to fight the police constable and he thought you were going to hit him."

"There is the balance of the courts to try and help people rehabilitate themselves and to mark out serious offending by way of imprisonment in appropriate cases."

"I bear in mind your age and health difficulties, and having done so I am quite satisfied that nothing can suggest it would be unjust to activate the suspended prison sentence today."

Defending, Ray Peters said Male, from Sherborne, Dorset, accepted it was his second breach of a suspended sentence order and "alcohol is his problem".

He added: "He acts as a carer for his ageing wife and is also a vulnerable person himself due to his age and his health problems and would very much be at risk in a custodial environment."

Step forward for Tipton school move

THE relocation of Tipton St John Primary School has taken a step further after vital funding was secured from the Government to make the move possible.

East Devon's MP, Sir Hugo Swire, said he was 'delighted' that the Secretary of State for Education has agreed to contribute up to £750K towards the relocation of Tipton St John Primary School to Ottery St Mary.

Sir Hugo has been working with Devon County Council, Tipton St John Primary School and the local diocesan board to establish a solution to the flooding problems which have regularly wreaked havoc on the school.

For demographic and financial reasons, the school and DCC decided to pursue the option of moving the school to Ottery St Mary.

However, even with its existing

funding from the Department for Education, DCC were unable to afford the move without extra financial support from the Government.

Sir Hugo took the case for extra funding directly to the top, questioning an Education Minister, Nick Gibb, in Parliament and holding a meeting with the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening.

The MP also took the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, Sir James Bevan, to the school so that he was able to survey the problems, regarding flooding, himself. Following this, the Department for Education announced that it would contribute extra funding to the move.

Moving forward, a site will still have to be confirmed in Ottery and a paper will be submitted to the DCC cabinet after the county elections in May.

Commenting, Sir Hugo Swire MP said: "I have been relentlessly lobbying education ministers and making the case for extra funding so I am absolutely delighted with this outcome."

"Extracting additional funding from Government departments is never easy and there were times when I thought all the effort might be in vain."

"This has been a real team effort and I congratulate all those from the school, Devon County Council and the diocesan board for all they have done to achieve this excellent result."

"However, this project is in its early stages and there is still a lot of hard work to come."

"The Environment Agency has stated that at present the flood risk at the school is so high that there is a risk to life."

"Most importantly, relocating the school to Ottery St Mary will take the school's pupils and staff

out of danger."

"On top of this, a brand new primary school in Ottery is great news for families in the town as well as Tipton St John and the surrounding villages."

"The population of Ottery is rising and this new school will help to ensure that the local education system is able to cope with the growing numbers."

"Tipton St John Primary is a fantastic school and it is important to emphasise that the school is moving, not closing. Everything from the staff to the school's ethos will remain broadly the same which I think most parents will welcome."

Devon's Cabinet member for schools, Cllr James McInnes, said: "This is excellent news. The county council is working closely with the Diocese of Exeter on putting together a funding package to allow the re-location of Tipton St John Primary."

"We met the Department for Education last year thanks to Sir Hugo Swire's intervention and support. I believe their unprecedented decision to unlock these extra funds demonstrates the strength of the case for re-location that we all made."

The headteacher of Tipton St John Primary School, Colin Butler, commented: "For many years the problems of flooding have led to a growing concern about safety and an increased challenge as to how we can deliver an education fit for the 21st century if we are to remain in damp, cramped buildings."

"My reaction to the news that some funding had been secured from the DFE was tremendous excitement and huge relief. It has been a long journey, but hopefully soon we can hang up our wellington boots and sleep soundly when it is raining heavily."

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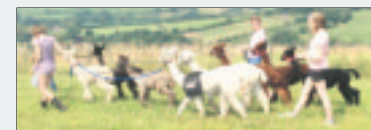


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Brush up on your marketing skills and help promote our new business hub

THOSE looking to sharpen up on their marketing techniques are being asked to help launch Chard Business Hub by taking part in a training course and then putting their new skills into action.

South Somerset District Council is looking to work with a group of ambitious local business owners in Chard, who want to see proactive business support delivered in the community.

The council has organised a three-day marketing training course, which will be delivered by Lynda Wooket of The Business Greenhouse. The course will help business people develop their marketing skills and learn how to implement them effectively. In return, those taking part will be asked to use their new skills to help launch the Chard Business Hub, which will enable businesses in and around the area to thrive, flourish and grow.

The project is a new and innovative way of working with local businesses as well as helping to promote the hub.

The course will consist of marketing coaching, training and facilitated 'doing'. It will cover the development of a marketing strategy, understanding key marketing tools and techniques, including social media, and learning how to implement the techniques with effect.

Course leaders will enable those taking part to put their skills and knowledge into action to help with the marketing of the new business hub, as well as their own businesses.

Councillor Carol Goodall, chairman for the Chard Business Hub project, said: "The mar-

keting project will enable keen local businesses to develop some new marketing skills whilst also helping launch the Chard Business Hub. Working on this project will be a challenge, but the benefits gained for both you and the business hub will help to boost the local economy."

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, portfolio holder for economic development at the district council, added: "Giving local businesses the opportunity for their staff to learn new skills will benefit the local economy. At the same time, it will help support the Chard Business Hub."

"Good marketing skills are an essential part of business today and I am delighted that we can offer this three-day course in the new hub to support our local business community."

The workshops will run on Wednesdays, March 1st, 8th and 15th. Attendees will have to commit to all three workshops and to working together with others in order to produce and implement the marketing strategy for the new hub.

It is likely that participants will need to work on the project outside of the workshop hours in order to meet the goal of marketing the centre.

All three workshops are free to attend, but limited to six spaces. To register your interest, visit <http://bit.ly/2lbcsF>

For further information, contact Dylan Martlew, neighbourhood development officer at SSDC on 01935 462695 or email dylan.martlew@southsomerset.gov.uk

Council consults on dog policy

ILMINSTER Town Council is holding a public consultation on what to do about the control of dogs in the town.

The council wants to hear the views of residents about dogs in the town - regardless of whether they are a dog owner or not.

The council says it is aware of views being expressed by residents, including on social media, over dog fouling in public open spaces, including the recreation grounds, Herne Hill or on the streets, so it is carrying out a comprehensive survey to try and find a fair way for all to try and tackle the issue.

The aim is to incorporate a dog policy for Ilminster into a new Public Space Protection Order for South Somerset, which is being revised by South Somerset District Council this year.

The aim of the order is to protect public health and amenities, but at the same time to try and find a way that dog owners can still adequately exercise their pets.

Dog fouling on sports pitches is a particular issue, as this can cause blindness and even death, especially in young children. Another issue is whether the children's play area

should be fenced off and segregated from all dogs.

A council spokesman said: "It is clear that there is a problem and it is not fair on our children, our sportsmen and women and our open spaces staff to be faced with this illegal practice and its inherent dangers."

"The council stresses, however, that these are ideas for discussion, they are not decisions - it is an exercise to find out views so that we have a wide consensus of opinion before taking any decisions."

Residents have been reminded that there will be no 'quick fix' to this problem, and that solutions are likely to involve significant costs to the council, through fencing, extra bins and extra staff.

A leaflet and questionnaire is being produced by the council and will be available shortly for residents to take away, read and answer.

The questionnaire will soon be available from the council and in local shops and completed surveys will need to be sent to Ilminster Town Council's offices in North Street, Ilminster, in an envelope marked Dog Policy Survey.

WI ladies support residents with dementia



■ CHARD WI made a donation to a local care home to help some of the residents who suffer from dementia. The ladies of the WI donated 40 knitted 'Twiddle Muffs' for the residents of Oak Lodge Care Home. Gemma Jones from the care home said: "Twiddle Muffs are especially good for individuals with dementia as they are a good way to keep people's hands busy. They were made in a range of colours, using different textured wool and all came with different attachments such as buttons and ribbons. They are being very well used and we really appreciate the donation."

School receives £3,000 grant for new educational garden

BUCKLAND St Mary Primary School, near Chard, has received the go-ahead for a brand new environmental education garden in its grounds.

The school is now seeking volunteers to help make the valuable new learning facility a reality.

Work on the garden is due to start this spring with the creation of a wildlife area and a pond. This will transform the area where the old nursery building once stood.

The garden has been made possible through a grant of £3,000 from the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Sustainable Development Fund.

The school also received support from Blackdown Hills Natural Futures, a three-year Heritage Lottery Fund project which is supporting local people to set up community wildlife projects and gain new skills in nature conservation. The Natural Futures team helped school staff and volunteers to plan the layout and fundraise for the garden.

Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Project Manager James Maben said: "What started as an idea during an environmental education

session has grown into an exciting school project involving a host of local experts and volunteers. As well as creating important new habitat for wildlife, the project will ensure the school has a fantastic new outdoor learning space."

The school is looking for volunteers to help with creating the space. Anyone who has skills and time to share should contact the school.

Head of Buckland Primary School, Steve Morton, said: "Although we're in an area filled with natural beauty and wonder, there is little opportunity for children to get close up to nature in the school grounds."

"It seemed only right to take an area that been covered by concrete for over 30 years and breathe new life into it. Once finished, our new environmental learning garden will be a great resource - for Forest school, guided learning and play."

"I'd like to thank the AONB for the grant and the parents and local community who have already put in time to help get this project off the ground."

Dog waste bin to tackle hedgerow littering

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners have been criticised for bagging their pets' waste and throwing it in hedgerows in Chard.

Members of Chard Town Council's Guildhall and Amenities Committee have now supported a call for a dog waste bin to be installed in Catchgate Lane, off Crimchard, which has become a hotspot for the offence.

A motion was put forward by Councillor Jenny Orchard at the committee meeting on Monday, February 6th.

The motion read: "This council installs a

dog waste bin at the end of Catchgate Lane as it has been drawn to my attention that people are putting used dog bags into the hedges which look unsightly."

The motion was proposed by Councillor Jenny Kenton, seconded by Councillor Garry Shortland and received unanimous support from their colleagues.

The committee resolved to recommend to the full town council that a dog waste bin is installed at Catchgate Lane.

Awards haul for local butchers

BUTCHERS from Ilminster and Crewkerne returned with a golden haul from the 2017 Butchers Q Guild Smithfield Awards.

Barret Bros Butchers in Crewkerne won three gold awards with their country pork sausages, dry cured back unsmoked bacon, and spatchcock lemon chicken kitchen ready product.

Manager Gary Pocock said: "We were delighted to win gold awards for our products again, it helps make the extra effort we put in to producing top quality products worthwhile."

Bonnors of Ilminster also won two gold awards. Their pork with onion and pineapple cold eating pie was awarded maximum marks

and there was another gold for their lamb, mint and rosemary pie.

Clinton Bonner praised his staff and said: "We have had a recent kitchen refit and this allows us to develop new ideas and products."

"We find that the Smithfield awards are judged to a very high standard and to achieve a gold has proved that we are going in the right direction."

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Community hub opens at Wyndham Park

THE opening of a community hub on the Wyndham Park estate in Yeovil took place on Wednesday, February 8th to provide a meeting place accessible to all residents including service families.

The project, an initiative of Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare organisation based at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, identified the need for a community resource due to the isolation felt by residents in Wyndham Park.

The facility was opened by Commodore Jon Pentreath, the Commanding Officer of RNAS Yeovilton, in front of many people involved in the project and local families.

"It gives me great pleasure to open this Community Hub," he said.

"Thank you to all the people that have made this possible.

"As Wyndham Park grows this is one positive step in making living here much better, a greatly needed and appreciated community facility."

Making this project work has involved many organisations that have given time, knowledge and funding to the community hub.

Amongst these parties are RNRMC, Yeovil Without Parish Council, South Somerset District Council, Knightstone and Somerset Crimebeat. There has also been local involvement from the local church and Wyndham Park residents' committee.

Activities and groups that will meet at the hub will be diverse, from parent and toddlers to a community youth

forum, a job club and men's shed! Vital roles will include a health visitor and child development clinics.

Councillor Christopher Le Hardy, of Somerset County Council and chairman of the Armed Forces Covenant initiative, said: "I welcome the establishment of a community facility at Wyndham Park. It will provide a valuable much needed facility in an area where there is a shortage of community facilities for families on this new estate, which can only help bring the communities together."

Many groups will be run by volunteers from within the local community and will be open to all residents on the estate.



■ **COMMODORE Jon Pentreath, Commanding Officer of RNAS Yeovilton, opens the community hub. Below, from left, Petty Officer Gareth Stockley of Royal Navy welfare; community empowerment officer Kate Shepard; parish clerk Barbara Appleby; community development officer Corrie Robertson; Natalie Fort of South Somerset District Council; and Commodore Jon Pentreath**



■ **MEMBERS of the local community and representatives of organisations involved in setting up the community hub, including Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, pictured at the official opening**





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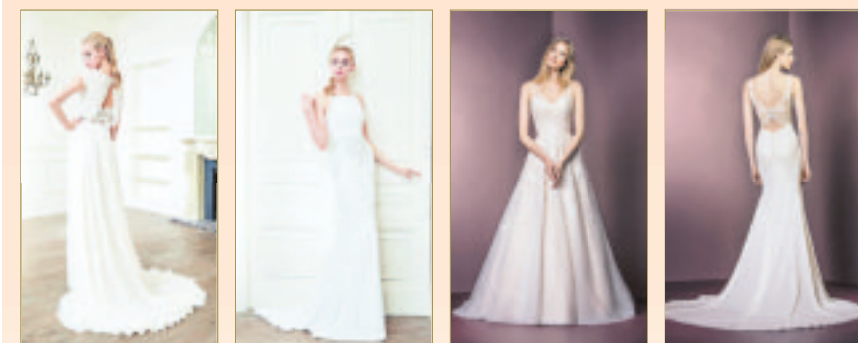
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Hospital apologises to mother for parking fines caused by faulty system

YEovil Hospital has apologised to the mother of disabled girl who keeps getting fined by a faulty car parking system as she takes her daughter for treatment.

Nicky Fordon regularly drives daughter Rebecca to the hospital as she has learning disabilities and suffers from the rare condition diabetes insipidus and hypopituitarism.

Nicky visits Yeovil Hospital more than once a week to make sure Rebecca's sodium levels are sufficient because she can't retain liquids.

Nicky, 52, has a blue badge and her car registration is registered with the hospital - yet she has racked up fines of £400 in the last two months.

On each occasion she has protested and the ticket has been cancelled - but only after she has had to make yet another journey to the hospital to deal with it in person.

The hospital's cameras monitoring the car parking entrance keep registering her as parking there and not in a disabled parking bay.

Mum-of-three Nicky said: "It's stressful, time-consuming and completely unnecessary.

"When I had the first one I was really worried - I couldn't work out what I'd done. It showed my car and registration and it said I'd stopped there for an hour and a half - but it could only have been

for a few seconds while I waited for a parking bay to be free or to let someone out. I was in the car and the brake lights were on.

"I feel like I spend my life at the hospital so it's a real pain to have to go back with the tickets. There's no number you can phone to talk to anyone, I've got to go in person.

"I think there must be loads of elderly people who just pay without questioning it."

A Yeovil Hospital spokeswoman said: "We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused to this lady who has received these fines in error.

"The spaces out of the front of the hospital are controlled by Parking-Eye, which uses number-plate recognition cameras.

"We have assisted with dealing with each ticket on an individual basis but this issue will now be escalated to Parking Eye for them to investigate.

"This is an unusual case and we would encourage this lady to get back into contact with us so we can address her concerns."



Two men walk into a pub...

PUB-GOERS near Yeovil were given a real treat when rock and roll royalty Serge Pizzorno, from Kasabian, popped in for a pint only to be upstaged by the future king of England, Prince Charles. Patrons of the Prince of Wales pub in Ham Hill were surprised to see the multi-award-winning Kasabian guitarist pop in for a spot of lunch, but the last thing they would've expected was to see the pub's namesake wander in and pull himself a pint. The picture above was posted on the band's Instagram page, jokingly implying that they had been "photobombed" by Prince Charles.

Fire crew called as unattended bonfire spreads

FIREFIGHTERS were called to an unattended bonfire at the Pen Mill Trading Estate in Yeovil on Saturday, February 18th.

Reports of a fire in the builder's

yard were received a 3.45pm from a caller concerned there appeared to be no one in attendance.

One fire engine was mobilised and officers found the bonfire had

spread to a shipping container.

Firefighters put out the fire and a keyholder for the premises attended and "duty of care" was left with them.

Emergency crews called after man falls in toilets

EMERGENCY services were called out after a man fell in the public toilets at Yeovil Bus Station.

A fire engine from Yeovil was called to the bus station by Glovers Walk at about 5.30pm on Sunday, February 12th after a request was made by the police.

A spokesman for the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service said: "The police told us that a gentleman had fallen in the public toilets at the bus station and got wedged between the toilet and the cubicle door.

"Shortly after arriving and liaising with the police, our crew was able to release him from the cubicle.

"Duty of care was left with the police and were awaiting an ambulance."

Anniversary celebrations raise £400 for Sterling Care

THE Sterling Care team in Yeovil was delighted that its fifth anniversary celebration helped to raise nearly £400 for charity.

An afternoon party was held at the Yeovil Day Centre on Wednesday, February 1st and there was a host of activities going on to keep visitors entertained.

A raffle was also held - with some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses - along with a fun game of bingo and they all contributed to a total of £389.51 being raised in aid of Dementia UK.

A spokesman for Sterling Care said: "Thank you so much to everyone who made our fifth anniversary party such an amazing event."

Among the entertainment was live music from local schoolchildren.

Sterling Care was set up in March 2012 by Claire Tailby and Sarah Gilchrist who between them have more than 20 years' experience in the care industry.

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Household Section: Sofas, dining & other tables / chairs, chests of drawers, bedroom furniture, wardrobes, books, ornaments, conservatory furniture, vacuum cleaners, ornaments, various bicycles, exercise machines, a treadmill, a small trampoline, a fish tank, 2 Kayaks, pool table. Mowers.

IT / Computers: 2 Apple Imacs 18 various desktop PCs incl. Alienware i7 gaming PCs, Dell Precision T5500, Acer Aspire Revo mini etc. 10+ various laptops (i7, i5, i3 etc). Telephones, printers, shredders, CCTV equipment, 2 wide capacity printers by HP comprising 1 x Design Jet 800 & 1 x Designjet T1100ps etc.

The contents of a high street computer repair shop incl. many laptops for spares / repair, components, ink cartridges, hubs, cameras, head-phones, leads, power supplies etc.

Fishing Section Approx 60 lots of rods, reels and other fishing related items

Misc.: 22 various unused imported multi fuel stoves comprising of 8 x Prity (9, 10 & 12kw), 7 x Bray JA013 6kw & 7 x Anstey JA004 6.5kw. A qty various toys, gift / novelty/ Easter items. 15 various fairground novelty coin operated dispensers (lollipop, toys etc). 7 arcade coin operated gaming machines incl. Sega House of the Dead

Misc.: 2 wheelchairs, a qty of air beds, a corner bath, 14 new basins, several electric guitars, a bench top wood turning lathe by Workzone, a small Wolf compressor, Bosch, Makita & Hitachi drills. Pool table. Kayaks.

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Chard proves it's got talent at open mic night

THE first open mic night in aid of Roy Castle's Lung Cancer Foundation has taken place at Chard Rugby Club.

John Gudge, who lost his wife to lung cancer, was pleased at the first turnout, but emphasised there was room for more people to have a go at the next event.

He commented: "A big thank you to all who attended. Jennifer made her public debut, and the surprise of the evening was Maia Henley whose voice was a revelation."

"In total, £45 was raised which is a great start to the fundraising."

The next open mic night at Chard Rugby FC will be held on Friday, March 24th and it is hoped that more people will come along to show their support or show off their talent.

There is no need to pre-book, just turn up on the night with any equipment needed to wow

the crowd.

There is an eight-channel PA system available for all performers, or people can bring their own amp, and then each act will have the chance to enjoy themselves and entertain the audience. Performers can also plug their phones in to the system for backing music as well.

Councillor Amanda Broom, who is helping John organise the events, said: "John wanted to see Chard's talent, and we certainly saw an insight tonight – two amazingly talented young girls who both made their first public performances."

Jennifer Redgrave, 15, sang and played the guitar, while Maia Henley, 12, sang with backing music from her phone and acappella.

"Both girls thoroughly loved singing for a public audience and I'm sure they will go far," added Councillor Broom.

Other acts on the night included Carmelita, who travelled up from Weston Super Mare to support this worthy cause, and Johnny Redgrave – his first time performing in many years.

Mr Gudge also performed a set of songs, as well as playing the harmonica.

The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Dave Bulmer, also attended, but could not be persuaded to sing on this occasion.

The culmination of the open mic nights will be the main event of Chard's Got Talent, to be held at Chard Guildhall on Friday, June 2nd with a 7pm start. Admission will be £5 for adults or free for children and donations can be made on the night.

For more information about either the open mic nights, or the main event, contact John Gudge on 01460 261989 or 07977 144 656 or email johnpgudge@yahoo.co.uk or Councillor Broom on amanda.broom@southsomerset.gov.uk



■ JENNIFER Redgrave, 15, performs for the first time and, right, organiser John Gudge on the harmonica



■ MAIA Henley, aged 12, makes her debut performance



■ PERFORMERS and members of the audience at the first open mic night

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Schools join forces to form new multi-academy trust

HOLYROOD Academy in Chard and Axe Valley Community College in Axminster have been given permission to form a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). The two schools have been in a management partnership since last year, and the application to form a MAT has been granted by the Regional Schools Commissioner.

The aim is to formally launch the Vector Learning Trust containing the two secondary schools on April 1st.

Martin Brook, executive principal of Holyrood Academy and Axe Valley Community College, explained the reasoning behind the name, Vector Learning Trust.

Mr Brook said: "Vector was chosen as the trust name because it means 'a quantity, with direction made up of more than one element' and the reason for this model of working is to combine the strengths of more than one school to achieve the best possible education for all our students."

"This is great news, initially for the partnership agreement with Axe Valley and in the longer term I believe this decision will provide exciting opportunities for our staff while enabling us to continue the scale of improvement for every student."

"There are a limited number of MATs across the South West, so this puts us in a strong position to establish ourselves as one of the outstanding education providers in the region."



■ EXECUTIVE principal Martin Brook with chairmen of governors from each school, Heather Burnett of Axe Valley (left) and Ann Adams of Holyrood

"Although there are no immediate plans for other local schools to join the MAT, it is expected that as the Vector Learning Trust evolves, other schools in the region will join and more children will be in a position to benefit from the collaborative working that this model of educational leadership creates."

Matthew Collins, headteacher at Holyrood Academy, added: "I am absolutely delighted that the Vector Learning Trust has been formally approved; we are already working very successfully in partnership with Axe Valley and are looking forward to extending this further."

"The opportunities that will be afforded by this co-operation will undoubtedly have a positive impact on everyone at Holyrood and I look forward to working with my colleagues across the trust to further improve the outcomes for the students here."

Oscar Mayer launches new award for Holyrood pupils

OSCAR Mayer and Holyrood Academy in Chard have launched a new annual award for an EAL (English as an Additional Language) student who has made the most progress at the academy.

Year 12 student, Carlos Chico, could not attend the ceremony in December so was recently given the opportunity to receive his prize from Jim Knight, supply chain manager at food production company Oscar Mayer (pictured right).

Mr Knight said, "Oscar Mayer is keen to become more involved with Chard's school community and to show recognition of the challenges and successes of local EAL students."

"It was lovely to meet Carlos and I was very proud to present him with the very first award of this kind."



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Greenfylde hosts gymnastics festival

GREENFYLDE First School recently welcomed children from four of its local partnership schools in Crewkerne and Ilminster for a gymnastics festival.

This was the first gymnastics festival to be organised and held in the school cluster, and staff said it was wonderful to see so many parents and children enjoying the opportunity.

The festival was led by coach Germaine Tuff, who shared her expertise by teaching the children a floor routine and gave them top tips to improve their performance.

Finally, children from each school were encouraged to perform their routine to everyone to celebrate their success.

A spokesperson for Greenfylde school said: "Even in the relatively short amount of time we had, the children made amazing progress with their gymnastics and performance skills."

"It was a great success and inspiring to see so many children involved and working together to improve their gymnastics."

"Our thanks go to Germaine for leading this session and to all the schools who helped support the event."

Teaching pupils vital life skills



LIFE Education Wessex brought their mobile classroom to visit students at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster.

This is the third year Life Education has visited and the children were excited to see Harold the Giraffe and learn a range of lessons based around personal, social and health education (PSHE).

Headteacher Claire Oaten commented: "The profile of PSHE in schools is an issue that is currently being raised, but at Greenfylde we have always placed a high priority on this area and the work Life Education undertake not only underpins this commitment but allows

our children to access their learning in a more exciting and hands on way.

"Children knowing how to look after themselves and how to keep healthy and safe is a priority for anyone and we know the developmental work from Life Education visits supports this aim."

"We are also very excited to soon be starting Life Education's new PSHE curriculum SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) as this builds on the view that there is a link between pupils' health and well-being, and their academic achievement."

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Birthday donations handed over to School in a Bag charity

ILMINSTER man Fred Oliver decided against asking for gifts from family and friends to celebrate his 80th birthday and instead requested donations be made to local charity School in a Bag.

Fred's request for donations amounted to £320 and he went along to the charity's headquarters in Chilthorne Domer near Yeovil to hand over a cheque. Luke Simon, founder of the School in a Bag charity, said: "This is a fantastic sum and we'd like to thank Fred and his very generous family and friends."

"It was great for Fred to come over to the office to hand in the cheque personally."

The charity, which is part of the Piers Simon Appeal, sends off schoolbags packed with everyday school essentials such as pens and paper to children in disadvantaged countries around the world.

The Piers Simon Appeal was first formed following the Boxing Day Asian Tsunami of 2004 which claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.



■ SCHOOL in a Bag founder Luke Simon (right) with supporter Fred Oliver at the charity's office in Chilthorne Domer

Among those killed was former Preston School and Yeovil College student Piers Simon, 33, who died after he was swept away by the giant waves when the tsunami struck in Thailand.

The Piers Simon Appeal was launched in his memory to help those lives shattered by the tsunami and out of that came the School in a Bag initiative which has now seen around 75,000 schoolbags distributed around the globe.

Care home supports Dignity Day

STAFF from Hazelwell Lodge in Ilminster recently supported the national Dignity Action Day.

Most of us at some point in our lives will be in contact with care services, be that in our work, as a service user, carer, relative or friend and when we do we hope we will be treated with dignity and respect.

More than two million health and social care staff in the UK work around the clock to provide support and care for those in need, and over 74,000 champions from all walks of life have joined forces to provide a more dignified service for everyone.

Hazelwell Lodge is helping to make sure that dignity is a reality for all. Over and above the care that Hazelwell Lodge provides on a daily

basis, the staff ran an event as part of a national day of action to promote Dignity in Care.

Hazelwell Lodge held an information morning with coffee, cake and a raffle on Wednesday, February 1st at The Market Square in Ilminster, with all proceeds raised going towards the activity provision of the residents at Hazelwell to help maintain personal interests, hobbies and events.

Dignity Action Day was a national initiative led by the Dignity in Care Campaign and its key partners to bring staff and members of the public together to make a difference to those in care.

Hazelwell Lodge is based in Station Road, Ilminster, and specialises in caring for people with dementia-related conditions.

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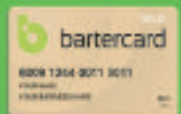
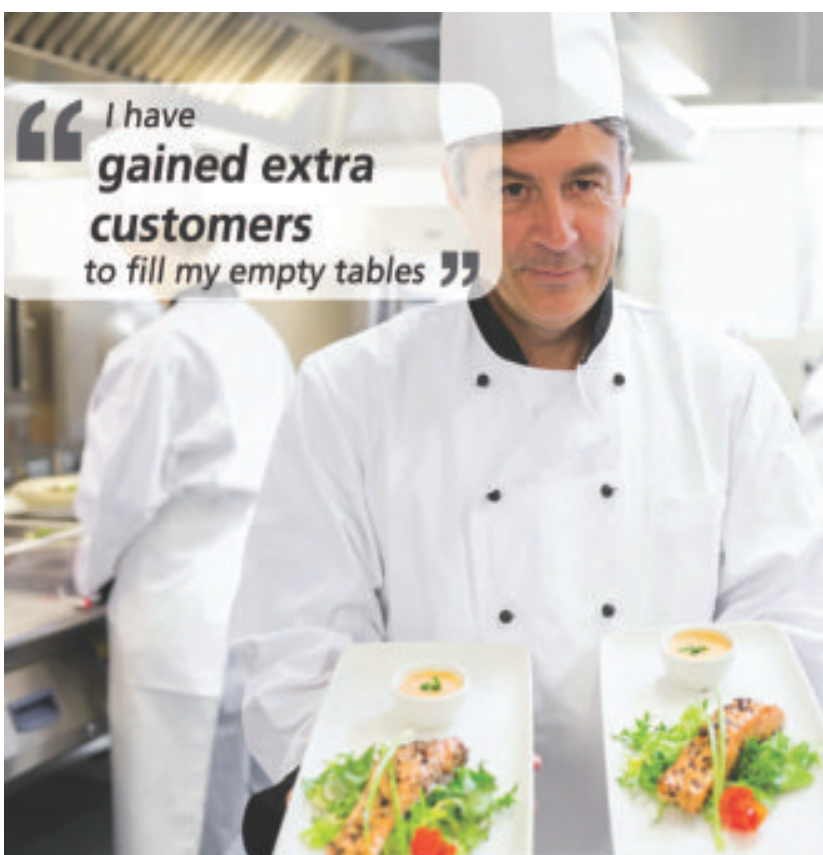
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■ **MAKING A POINT:** Mr Lee at the point where the Speed Watch team carries out checks

Crewkerne resident encourages East Street drivers to slow down

A CREWKERNE resident has pleaded with drivers to slow down in East Street to prevent a fatal accident.

David Lee says the 20mph limit in place for part of East Street is constantly broken.

Mr Lee, who was a Speed Watch volunteer until very recently taking a break because of family commitments, reacted after reading a story in *Pulman's View from South Somerset* about a speeding problem in Ilminster, seeing the similarities with Crewkerne.

He recalled a Speed Watch patrol he took part in and how volunteers were overwhelmed by the volume of cars going too fast.

Mr Lee explained: "Recently, the local Speed Watch team was deployed in East Street, which is the main road into town from Yeovil.

"The stretch of road concerned has a 20mph speed limit with a pedestrian crossing at the midpoint, which is a designated 'safe' route between the town and Wadham School.

"The road is narrow and bendy, with the pavement on each side typically less than a metre wide.

"On this occasion, the team was in position for one hour during the morning school run, and was only recording vehicles travelling at speeds of 25 mph and over.

"During that hour, they recorded approximately 80 speeders, the worst offender travelling in excess of 40mph whilst overtaking another vehicle as they approached the cross-

ing.

"But it is worse than it at first appears. So many drivers were ignoring the speed limit that it was impossible to write down the information fast enough to record every speeding vehicle that came past.

"It is estimated that, at best, they probably recorded only one in three."

Speed Watch team readings are not admissible in court, but they are passed on to police, who will write a warning letter to owners of cars 'caught' going too fast.

Police can also target problem areas and problem drivers based on the Speed Watch readings.

Mr Lee also said there is a problem round the clock and that drivers obeying the speed limit are at risk of being 'bullied' by other drivers.

He explained: "Speeding is not limited to school run hours. It is obvious to any observer that the majority of cars are travelling above 20 mph at any time of the day or night.

"Drivers who do slow down are 'bullied' by the car behind driving right up close behind them. For some reason, motorists seem not to understand why there is a speed limit.

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"When a pedestrian is finally killed along this road the driver will no doubt fail to understand why they are facing a charge of manslaughter."

'Key route' to be resurfaced after showing deterioration

THE A356 between Merriott and the A303 is about to be repaired and resurfaced.

Somerset County Council describes the road as "a key route that is showing signs of deterioration".

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for highways, said: "We all want to drive on smooth, safe roads and this will provide permanent benefits and reduce the need for future maintenance.

"There will be some short-term disruption while work is underway but our policy of planning ahead and investing in a long term maintenance programme is working - with the number of potholes requiring at-

tention on our roads falling from 27,500 in 2010 to 19,700 in 2016."

The project will require a daytime road closure to protect the workforce, but will be kept to a minimum.

Starting on Monday, February 27th, the A356 is scheduled to be closed between Furrington Cross and the A303 for approximately 15 days from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

The road will be reopened at weekends. Following this, temporary traffic lights will be required for around 10 days while the work is completed.

You can also check details for current and future roadworks, including diversion routes at www.travelsomerset.co.uk

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Windows of opportunity: West Country manufacturer celebrates 40 years



In 2017 Somerset and Devon-based West Country Windows is celebrating 40 years of being in business and as one of a handful of West Country manufacturers with a business that is still run by two of the same directors who set it up in 1977; it holds a particularly unique position in the double glazing sector.

When the idea of West Country Windows was born in 1977, directors Ken Ashplant and Tim Earle remember the world as a very different place. Tim recalls the first Concorde flight between London and New York - something which was of particular significance to him as he was studying and living in the USA at the time.

Meanwhile Ken, who is West Country born and bred, was busy honing his skills as a carpenter and joiner at a national double glazing company, but when he became more involved with the research and development side of the industry it was apparent that there were a number of problems that were not being properly addressed. Ken says he saw his "window of oppor-

tunity" and together with Tim and a third director Tony Hamilton (who later retired through ill health) formed West Country Windows.

In the late seventies the firm was located in an old gloving factory, moving to its current HQ in Yeovil in 1980. The Barnstaple office in North Devon was opened in the early 1980s. In those days the market was all about aluminium windows, but that was soon to change with the arrival of UPVC.

In a market that has traditionally been the province of big national companies at one end and small "one man" bands at the other, West Country Windows has stood out as a business that has grown organically, taking time to see what is really important and actually manufacturing its products in the UK rather than sourcing them from large manufacturers churning out thousands a week.

Ken comments, "I think that part of our success can be attributed to our emphasis on having control over the product from start to finish. We firmly believe in controlling the quality of everything we do. Around 90% of the market com-

prises one man bands, often builders, who are buying in from a range of big trade suppliers more often governed by price than quality or performance."

An important factor contributing to the success of the business is the firm's loyal staff, many of whom have been with West Country Windows since the 1980s. Factory Manager Anthony Smith, known to everyone as "Tommy" is a prime example. Joining the business as part of the YTS (Youth Training Scheme) at age 15, he has never left and now relishes the role of Factory Manager which means he organises and oversees the workforce, making sure they are adhering to the high quality standards that has ensured the success of the business.

Another "lifer" is Office Manager, Angela Walker who joined in 1983 and said it's more like working for family than going into the office. She emphasised how both directors are always on hand to help staff with any issues or problems and how supportive they are of their team both in and outside the work environment.

Angela said, "Both Ken and Tim are always here and that has really helped to build the feel of the business; we are all in it together and everyone feels they have a role to play in making the company successful and working as a team."

With nearly 40 employees West Country Windows has built a really well managed, close knit team which is essential when keeping up with the demands of the industry.



Some of the West Country Window employeeest

Ken is proud of their loyal customer base and the fact that they regularly see repeat business. "What's so interesting is we are often asked to fit windows for the same family as they move from

house to house. Then we are asked to do the same for their children as they have grown up and had families of their own."

However the market is not just about double glazed windows and one of the biggest sellers for West Country Windows is its wide range of conservatories which can be constructed from UPVC, aluminium or wood and come in a fabulous range of styles and sizes. Tim said, "When we started we probably only

sold a handful of conservatories, and the market didn't really start to take off until the late 1990s, but now they are one of our most popular products."

Keeping up to date with current trends is particularly important for the business and they have seen the market change to become more of a design and fashion choice rather than a distress purchase because the house is freezing! Ken says, "The power of programmes like Grand Designs and other lifestyle programmes and publications play a really important role in shaping what people are going to ask for."

Popular trends at the moment include an emphasis on colours - particularly greens and greys, plus solid insulated roofs for conservatories, sky lights and bi-folding doors.

Ken and Tim are confident that whatever trends the future may bring, they will rise to the challenge and continue to exceed the expectations of their customers. As a way of saying thank you they are offering up to 40% off selected products, plus the opportunity to recall memories of those heady days of transatlantic Concorde flights with the chance to win £5,000 in holiday vouchers for any destination in the world. See the website, www.westcountrywindows.com for more details.

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Wadham students compete in semi-final of public speaking competition

WADHAM School in Crewkerne entered a team in the semi-final of the Rotary District 1200 Youth Speaks Competition, held in Beaminster.

The semi-final was organised by the Rotary Clubs of Brit Valley and Bridport and saw school teams from hosts Beaminster, the Sir John Colfox, Wadham, Crispin (Street) and two teams from Gryphon School (Sherborne).

They competed in an event designed and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland to support and encourage the development of effective communication skills.

The winning team was from Gryphon. Subjects as diverse as why there was definitely no Loch Ness monster, Post Factualism, and 'Are we ever grown Up?' kept a large audience engaged.

The judges comprised head judge Clive Kennedy, Emeritus Professor of Life Science at University of Exeter; Debra Bates, a well-known local actress with experience in public speaking; and Laura Cockett, director of Bridport Arts Centre.

Professor Kennedy commended all six teams for their presentations and



■ **GREAT COMPETITION:** All the teams that took part together with Brit Valley president Bob Ponchaud (left) and head judge Prof Clive Kennedy

said it had been a difficult decision, as well as offering some advice for future competitions.

He also made the presentations certificates for all the teams and medals for the winners. Rotarian John Bowden was compere for the evening.

Both Gryphon and Crispin go forward to the district final to be held in Cheddar on February 27th.

Songs of praise

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne will stage a 'Songs of Praise' event at St Barthomolew's Church on Sunday, February 26th, starting at 3pm.

A club spokesperson said: "The event is for charity. Entrance is free but donations will be welcome."

Wadham student reaches regional heats of Rotary cookery competition



■ **IMPRESSIVE:** Charlotte Penny, pictured with the Rotary Club of Crewkerne president David Fradgely after winning the local heat, has now qualified for the regional final

WADHAM School student Charlotte Penny continues to progress in the Rotary Club's Young Chef of the Year competition.

Having won the local heat, she went one better by winning the district round and is now preparing to take part in the regional heat in April.

The Rotary Young Chef Competition is organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland and sponsored by Filippo Berio.

It is a four stage national competition to support and encourage development of cookery skills.

The competition aims to encourage young people to learn how to cook a healthy meal, develop food presentation skills, consider food hygiene issues, develop organisational and planning skills, develop an ability to cope in a demanding situation.

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50 years in newspapers

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Working with the weird and and wonderful!

PEOPLE often ask me how I got into the newspaper game. This is how it happened.

There was little help for a council house boy like me from the career service at Lyme Regis Grammar School (later to become the Woodroffe School).

In fact, the only suggestion made to me was that I could join the RAF. At the time I was 4 feet 11 inches tall!

I was no academic at school and did not give my future career prospects much thought until I became an active member of Lyme Regis Boys' Club, in those days a Woolaway building in King's Way.

The club was run by local journalist David Cozens, an inspirational leader who encouraged us to get involved in all kinds of activities.

We had to write about our experiences and then pin our stories on a wall magazine on a special board in the club.

Taking part in night exercises organised by the Army, organising a hobbies exhibition,

opening a photographic darkroom and running the club can't have all provided good copy.

One event which went down particularly well was when trainee chef David Hodder organised a three-course meal for the management committee and much to our surprise no one went home with food poisoning, although it must have been a close thing with a hole in the coffee pot sealed with chewing gum!

The wall magazine – motto 'calamus gladio fortior' (the pen is mightier than the sword, an oft used quote David would tell us when a fight broke out in the club) – slowly evolved into a full-blown printed publication with our stories typed onto stencils and then run off on a duplicating machine. Remember those? It won the best boys' club magazine in Dorset.

This is where I caught the publishing bug and being a total football nut, following my brother John to every game, I started writing the occasional football report for David Cozens, who was the Lyme Regis

reporter for the *Bridport News*.

I soon made up my mind this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

I managed to scrape together the five O-levels required to get an apprenticeship but spent one year in the sixth form during which time I became the first boy in the school to take shorthand and typing lessons – and the opportunity to sit next to Mary White!

My first real experience of what it was like to work for a local newspaper came when I was 16 and got a summer job on the *Bridport News* – affectionately known as "The Whip Wop" – in their offices above Frost's toy shop in West Street, Bridport.

In those days the *Bridport News* was edited by an old-time journalist, Bill 'Foxy' Harris, a former Fleet Street man who rode around town on an old motorbike with the word 'Editor' stuck to his crash helmet.

He also made his own pens which meant his hands were permanently stained with ink.

Chief reporter for the *Brid-*

port News was John Slater who had a very flashy sports car and when the weather was fine he would take me down to West Bay for lunch.

On the way back to the office on one occasion we saw the fire engine emerging from the old station in South Street and John joked "it's probably the office on fire".

As we turned in to West Street we were flabbergasted to see flames shooting out of the windows on the *Bridport News* office.

It happened to be deadline day and Foxy Harris was across the road in the public telephone box dictating his story to the copy desk in Salisbury where the paper was printed.

My task as office boy entailed writing up many of the reports sent in and reviewing the films at the local cinemas, much of which was provided in a press release.

It was during this time that I first met the incorporable Roger Bailey, sports editor extraordinaire who had a photographic memory, especially for birth dates, and an eye for any pretty girl that passed his wandering eye.

A few years later, after training at the *Express & Echo* in Exeter, I got to know Roger really well when I became chief reporter at the *Bridport News*.

He would regale us with his sporting prowess and war-time escapades.

In fact, Roger had a pretty difficult war, having served in Monte Cassino in Italy, which meant he missed D-Day.

Roger would be typing away on his old typewriter with his podgy fingers and suddenly he would burst into song: "We are the D-Day dodgers out in Italy, always on the vino, always on the spree".

Roger was a radio operator and therefore in the front line. He would often tell the story of being sent back to the field kitchen to get some food for his commanding officer.

On the way back he had to take shelter several times and when he finally made it the officer asked where the food was.

Roger replied: "I thought I was going to die, Sir, so I ate it."

That was Roger. He always had a big appetite. He saw



■ HERE I am pictured with Tony O'Reilly, one of the world's most successful and charismatic businessmen, when I worked for the first time in London. See my next column

many things he would never recount and when he returned home from war he resolved never to leave his beloved home town, Beaminster, again. And until the day he died, he never spent a night out of Beaminster.

Being chief reporter for the *Bridport News* was my first real newspaper job, made all the more enjoyable by the fact that David Cozens was now its editor.

I loved every minute of it. We certainly had some strange ones working for us, the most bizarre being a middle aged reporter who travelled to Bridport on the bus with a pet rook (I kid you not!) on his shoulder. Needless to say, he didn't even last for one day.

There was great camaraderie in the office and with Roger about there was plenty of fun.

Roger was a true-blue Tory and when Margaret Thatcher was chosen as leader of the Conservatives one of her first visits was to West Dorset.

Roger and I were assigned to cover the event and we drove over to Crewkerne where she was arriving by train, to be met by West Dorset MP Jim Spicer.

But before going Roger popped into Snooks the outfitters to buy a blue shirt and matching tie. Talk about being impartial.

The best editor I ever worked

for was the notorious Jimmy Hall, another former Fleet Street hack who bought the *Sidmouth Herald*.

I learned more from Jimmy, who retired to West Dorset, than any other editor I worked under.

But he was not very popular in snooty Sidmouth and that's where I realised that you win no popularity contests being the editor of a small town newspaper, not if you do your job right.

I remember Jimmy taking me into the Black Horse, a pub opposite our office, for a quick pint at the end of one working day. We went into the lounge as Jimmy was a bit wary of one or two of the main bar regulars.

When one of them noticed him, he walked into the lounge and slowly poured a pint of beer over Jimmy's head. Nothing was said.

Jimmy just walked slowly out of the pub and back to the office. He arrived back in a couple of minutes wearing a long mac and a sou'wester and carried on drinking without saying a word as if nothing had happened. Classic.

In the next edition of this occasional series marking my 50 years in newspapers I will recount how I ended up working for one of the world's most successful and charismatic businessmen (see photo above).



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Thank you ladies, the brulee was historic

♦ THANKS to the ladies of the Axe Valley Former Tugboat Club who entertained me so royally recently when they invited me to speak on my career at their monthly meeting at The Wheelwright in Colyford.

The club is made up of for-

mer members of Ladies Circle, Round Table and 41 Club spouses, and meet just for company.

As a former 41 Club member in the Axe Valley, I knew many of them which made it all the more relaxing.

And they treated me to a

splendid meal, urging me to try the house speciality - Cappuccino Creme Brulee which was historic, bordering on the biblical. So much so I went back again on Saturday but unfortunately it was not on the menu. But I will return...

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IT'S A BUMPER month for car enthusiasts at Seaton's Lyme Bay Auctions, where two fascinating cars are being presented for auction on 27th February. The Fisher Fury Spyder and the NG-TA will form part of the popular auction house's monthly general sale and have already received a great deal of interest.

Auctioneer Simon Watson comments 'We are delighted to have been asked to auction these two fabulous cars. The NG-TA and the Fisher Fury Spyder are a treat for sports car enthusiasts and have caused quite a stir in the auction house already'.

The 1986 NG-TA Kit car is based on an MGB-GT (1972 First Reg) and comes with the original 1.8 engine. The Fisher Fury Spyder was registered in 2010 and has a 2Ltr Pinto Engine and B.G 4 Gearbox. Its Rolling Chassis was factory built by Mark Fisher.

Simon continues, 'The cars reflects the huge variety of items that we are receiving for auction. With live online bidding, we now have a global customer base allowing items from the local area to be viewed and purchased by a worldwide audience and these lots will help us deliver another exciting and memorable auction.'

The auction estimate is £4000 - £6000 for the NG-TA and £6000 - £8000 for the Fisher Fury Spyder. Both cars will be part of Lyme Bay Auctions' sale on Monday 27th February starting at 10.00am. Viewing days are Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February 10am to 5pm.

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The breakfast costs £13.95 – and is free to anyone who manages to polish it off within an hour.

But so far just ONE person in 60 have succeeded in clearing their plate in the four months it has been on offer at Treats cafe in Weston-super-Mare.

Manager Ricky Bodalia, 28, said they added the breakfast challenge to their menu because they thought it would be 'good fun'.

He said: "When someone does the challenge the whole cafe turns to watch them."

The only person to polish it off was James 'Terminator' Cox who took 36 minutes and 21 seconds in November.

Despite stereotypes, Ricky says women generally do better than men.

He added: "The girls seem to have more willpower. Sixty per cent of them have done better than the boys."

What's in the breakfast:
4 x white toast
4 x fried bread
6 x bacon

6 x sausages
6 x eggs
6 x hash browns
4 x black puddings
2 x bubble and squeak
2 x large dollops of sauteed mushrooms
2 x large dollops of baked beans



2 x fresh tomatoes
2 x large dollops of tinned tomatoes
Mug of tea or coffee

Beckham boost for outdoor cookbook

SALES of an obscure grilling cookbook have skyrocketed after it was chosen to be taken on a desert island – by David Beckham.

The football star included cookbook 'Mallmann On Fire,' by Francis Mallmann, as one of his picks on the BBC Radio 4 show *Desert Island Discs*.

Francis Mallmann, labelled an 'expert on cooking with fire,' explores open-fire cooking in remote locations – perfect for Becks' remote getaway.

Beckham said: "One of my passions, *On Fire* by Francis Mallmann.

"It teaches you to cook anywhere, so if I was stuck on an island, I could rustle up something."

And now sales have shot through the roof, selling out on Amazon and leaving other retailers scrambling to restock – pushing it into the top 0.1 per cent of sales on the massive bookseller.

The book is currently 1,300th on the Amazon bestseller list – out of 1.5 million books.

Rob Richardson, spokesman for UK distributor Melia Publishing Services, said: "After the broadcast, we were contacted by Amazon

to say that they had experienced high demand for the book, and we immediately went out of stock within a couple of days.

"Luckily, by chance – as we had obviously had no idea that this was going to happen – we had a reprint on its way to us, so the book will be back in stock next week.

"We expect to see a continued surge in sales due to the 'Beckham boost' as we are calling it."

'Mallmann On Fire' is a sequel to the Argentinian chef's 2013 book 'Seven Fires,' which claims to "maximise flavour with wood-fired cooking".

Amazon reviewers praised the "amazing" book, calling it "a must-have for food lovers".

Ilana Netiv said: "Beautiful book, exceeds expectations.

"Nice recipes and the whole look and feel transport you to the beautiful outdoors, just like Mallmann intended."

Jason Kavanagh added: "Great book, it's just as much about Francis as it is about the food.

"Makes you want to go to middle of nowhere, build a fire and cook."

But not all readers were so enamoured with the "ego-driven lifestyle book".

Reviewer Wendy said: "This is a picture book, an ego-driven 'lifestyle' book, with over 40 pictures of Mallmann in romantic locations, poses and costumes.

"Then there are South American landscapes, a double-page spread of sea-lions sunbathing, another of Mallmann stroking horses – and oh, sure, some recipes too.

"The recipes are very simple (sometimes even crude,) but many are interesting and well-written.

"I do ask myself who wrote them though, since I've never known a professional cook to use cups and ounces."



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MARK HIX MBE'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

IN MY youth, ox liver would be braised unto death – or at least until it started to turn a sickly shade of green.

Slice and grill it like calf's liver, removing any sinew – and then it tastes brilliant.

Ideally you want a smallish liver from a younger animal.

4 or 8 slices from an ox liver, cut about ½cm thick
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
A little vegetable oil for brushing
1-2 sticks of rhubarb, trimmed
120ml cider vinegar
100ml caster sugar

For the sauce:
2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
A good knob of butter
1tsp plain flour
½tsp tomato puree
100ml red wine
250ml beef stock

First make the sauce: melt the butter in a thick-bottomed

Grilled ox liver with rhubarb

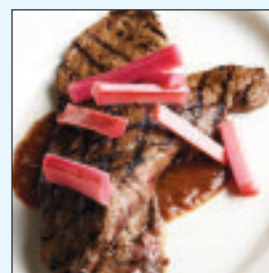
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pan and gently cook the shallots for two to three minutes, until lightly coloured.

Add the flour and tomato puree and stir well over a low heat for a minute.

Gradually add the red wine, stirring to avoid lumps, and then gradually add the beef stock.

Bring to the boil and simmer very gently for about



20 to 25 minutes, giving the occasional whisk, until the sauce has reduced by about two thirds and thickened. Remove from the heat and cover with a lid.

Cut the rhubarb into 4cm to 5cm lengths, then cut them into ½cm-wide sticks and put them into a bowl.

Bring the vinegar to the boil, stir in the sugar until melted and bring back to the boil.

Pour over the rhubarb, cover with clingfilm and leave for about an hour or until required.

To serve, heat a ribbed griddle pan on the stove, season the slices of liver on both sides, brush the griddle pan with oil and cook the liver for one to two minutes on each side, keeping them nice and pink.

Finally, spoon a little of the hot sauce on to warmed serving plates, place the liver on top, then drain and scatter the rhubarb over.

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Two or more grandchildren: If you have a couple of energetic grandchildren on your hands encourage them to play board games together or allow them to play dressing up with your wardrobe – making sure you keep anything valuable out of reach!

Alternatively, if you have some old newspapers, flour and water in the house, they can have some fun with papier mache.

Towards the end of the day, the perfect way to calm fractious children is a little game of Sleeping Lions – do everything you can to make them move without actually touching them – you'll never see them so determined to be still and quiet!

A homesick grandchild: If you have an upset little one on your hands who's missing mummy and daddy suggest that they write a letter to their parents telling them what they've been up to that day so they don't feel like they've missed out on time with them.

Alternatively you can sit and write a family tree with them on a large sheet of paper. Get out old photos and letters so they can really imagine older family members and they'll be fascinated.

A 'girly' girl: If you have some heavy books on the shelves at home show her how to flower-press using flowers from the garden. Or, if you have the ingredients in the cupboard, bake some pretty cupcakes – the perfect treat for a rainy afternoon when you're stuck indoors. And a good tip for little girls is to finish off the baked creations with some sparkly glitter icing – they'll look too pretty to eat!

A video game/TV addict: If you can manage it, take them out of the house away from temptation. Many museums are free and lots are geared towards kids with hands-on exhibitions. If you can't get them to leave the house though, suggest that

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2. What are the easiest - and most fun - things to cook with the grandkids...

There are so many recipes that are 'kid friendly' in the kitchen – bake muffins, oatmeal cookies or crush meringue over strawberries and add ice-cream. Or, create your own banana splits with ice cream and chocolate sauce. For the healthy option make smoothies by blending together lots of different fruits – a good alternative to milkshakes. For a main meal it's always fun to get the kids to create their own pizza toppings. Buy the pizza bases and then let them spread on their own tomato puree, chopped peppers, pineapple chunks, ham, or absolutely whatever they like!



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4. What should a resourceful grandparent keep in their 'making things' cupboard?

Old magazines, glue, water-based paints and paint brushes – they're all kiddy essentials! As well as aprons and a big plastic table cloth of course – children are messy!

Also, if you have the space, keep a stash of your own children's old toys. Their children will more than likely love them too!

5. What are the cheapest and most enjoyable ways of spending sunny days outside with kids?

There are so many things you can do to keep the kids entertained and active on a sunny day. Take them on nature trails (sticking to the marked paths), or take them swimming to the local lido. Alternatively, put together a little picnic of cucumber sandwiches and flapjacks and go on a cycling trip for the day.





Remember to always stick to parental rules when you take the grandchildren out for the day as well. Minor details that you don't think are important can upset mums and dads if they have their rules – so always check how they like things to be done. If that means re-applying sunscreen every hour on the hour etc, then make sure you do it!



6. How can a grandparent, particularly one with many grandchildren, afford to buy gifts for all the grandchildren without over-stretching themselves?

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Or create a scrapbook brimming with copies of family photos, a family tree and funny family anecdotes. This may be a present that the older ones appreciate more but when the younger ones grow up it'll be an invaluable insight into their family history which they'll be forever grateful for.



7. In the same light, on days out, how can a grandparent save money on food, drink and treats?

Kids love to be hands-on so it's always a great idea to involve them in the preparation for days out. If you're well prepared have some fun in the kitchen and bake muffins, make sandwiches and some home-made lemonade – your tasty snacks will be the perfect picnic which is far more fun than sitting in a stuffy restaurant.



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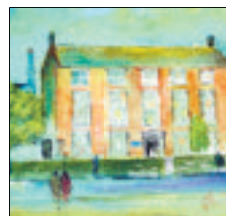
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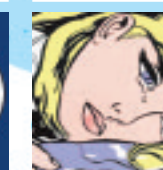
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Being aware that these emotions are common can help you to accept them. It is very important to know that they will pass. Everyone is unique some people take a lot longer than others to adjust and it is important to recognize that while many may understand they do not know what you are feeling or going through, only you do.

Dealing with the emotions

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A week of cinematic contrast

THE BEEHIVE, in Honiton will screen the award-winning *La, La Land* on Friday, March 3rd at 7.30pm. The musical scooped 14 Oscar nominations and BAFTA awards for Best Film, Cinematography, Music and Lead Actress. *La La Land* will play as a cinematic pick-me-up, particularly after Kenneth Lonergan's heart-breaking tale of love and regret in small-town America, *Manchester By The Sea*. The film which is screened at 7.30pm on Saturday, February 25th won BAFTAs for Best original screenplay, and Best Lead Actor Award for Casey Affleck. *Manchester By The*

Sea is a very matter of fact, and morbidly comic movie, about the whole business of dying, described as a film with tremendous heart and soul, Kenneth Lonergan's haunting family drama stands out from the pack thanks to its subtlety, complexity and bravery in tackling the big issues. The Royal Ballet production of 'The Sleeping Beauty' will be streamed live from The Royal Opera House to the Beehive cinema on Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm. The corps de ballet are in their element in Wheeldon's Ashton-inspired laurel dance. Sarah Lamb gives a fine account of

Princess Aurora, her hands caressing the air like a lover's skin while her languid extensions and dreamy not-quite-there presence provide a perfect foil for Vadim Muntagirov's magnificently lovestruck Prince. Their grand pas de deux with three perfectly executed swan dives was a moment of ecstasy; even the horn section got over-excited. A sumptuous banquet of a ballet, beautifully presented. By Neil Norman. From The Stage. For more details or to book tickets for any of the films or performances visit www.beehivehoniton.co.uk or call 01404 384050.

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T.Rextasy play at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Friday, March 3rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20.50, concessions £19.00, available online at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk, or by calling 01935 422884.



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The New Jersey Boys
'Oh What A Night'

The music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons plus a tribute to Showaddywaddy

Following their amazing run of sell out shows across the UK, The New Jersey Boys make a welcome return to Axminster with their packed 2 set show 'Oh What A Night'. Expect to hear all the hits such as *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like A Man* and many more. This years high energy programme, featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman, includes a tribute to another great rock 'n roll band, Showaddywaddy. So don't be surprised if you find yourself singing and dancing.

Ticket: Unreserved from Archway Bookshop Axminster 01297 33595.
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■ The New Jersey Boys

Jay Rayner comes to Devon with his latest show, The Ten (Food) Commandments

THE ORIGINAL Ten Commandments have very little to offer when it comes to the complex business of how and what we eat. Now the award-winning restaurant critic and Masterchef judge Jay Rayner has decided it's time to act.

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After a hugely successful run of Live dates in 2014-16 that featured Jay's previous publication, *My Dining Hell*, and saw him examine our love affair with lousy reviews, Jay is embarking on a whole new tour. The Ten (Food) Commandments combines reportage and anecdotes with recipes worthy of adoration & in this audio-visual romp Jay Rayner attempts to lead us to the edible Promised Land.

In a recent survey of journalists and the public by UK Press Gazette Jay was voted the most influential food and drink journalist in Britain. Jay Rayner's The Ten (Food) Commandments 7.30pm on Saturday, March 4th at The Beehive, Dowell St, Honiton, Devon.

Tickets are £15, available from the box office on 01404 384050, or online at www.beehivehoniton.co.uk, includes Q&A and book signing. Suitable for ages 14+.



Adventures in art

CREATIVITY flows through the latest exhibition at the Arts Centre, which showcases a group of West Country artists who work in a range of media, including stone carving, woodworking, textiles, watercolours, photography and oils. The subject matter and styles could not be more varied too, making this a rewarding exhibition for the visitor.

Participants include Devon based artist Robert Crisp whose meticulous oil paintings explore man-made urban landscapes; Somerset artist Patrice Hamilton

who mainly works in patels; keen ornithologist David Crompton; Watercolour specialist Pat Board; prizewinning photographer Brian Hutchings; husband and wife artists Annie and Mike Lanigan; Glastonbury-based furniture maker Don Storey; and textile artist Val Webberley

This rich and varied exhibition runs from Monday, February 27th until Saturday, March 25th.

Admission is free, and the exhibition is open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am-2.30pm on Saturdays.

Oh What A Night this should be!

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Homes & Gardens

*An 8-page guide to Home and Garden care
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Spring Homekeeping Tips

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SPRING is the season we naturally turn our attention to cleaning and updating our homes. Follow these effective and easy ideas to prepare your home (and yourself) for the always-busy spring and summer months ahead.

Deep Clean Carpet and Rugs: Spot-clean rugs and carpeting as stains occur, and deep clean once or twice a year. DIY with a rental or hire an expert.

Clean Window Treatments: Take down your draperies and launder or dry-clean them; dust off blinds and clean with a sponge. Freeing these areas of dust helps to refresh the air in your home so you can breathe easy.

Replace Outside Doormats: Give your front door a fresh new look for spring. Replace your winter-ravaged doormat with a new one.

Check Batteries in Smoke Alarms: Fire safety includes doing a battery check

every six months. A great way to remember this task is to do it when you reset clocks for daylight savings.

Clean Your Gutters: It's time again to clear gutters of leaves, twigs, and debris left in winter's wake. It's important to keep gutters clear so they won't clog and drive water under the house eaves and into your walls.

Organize Your Home Office: Go through files and shred unnecessary papers. Give your computer the once-over, sorting folders, deleting outdated files, and backing up important data onto an external drive.

Slipcover Furniture: Protect your upholstered furnishings from intense summer sun by covering them or moving the pieces out of direct natural light.

Prevent Bugs: As the weather warms, insects return in search of food. Don't put out the welcome mat. Instead, make sure all dry goods are stored in airtight containers. Wash your pet's dishes as soon as they finish meals. Check seals on trash receptacles and wash all containers and bottles before recycling.

Prepare Your Outside Spaces: Don't be stuck cleaning the day of your first cook-out. Prep now and enjoy your deck or patio all summer long.

Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet: Restock supplies, discard old medicines, refill prescriptions, and replace any expired cosmetics.

Eliminate Clutter Where You Can: Freshen up your rooms by removing unnecessary objects from tabletops and shelves, storing them. Replace them with a single arrangement of fresh flowers.



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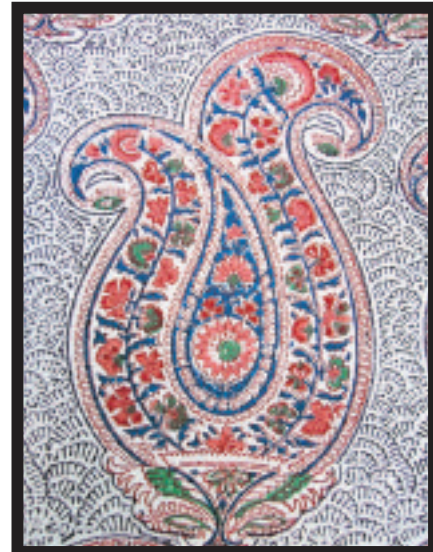


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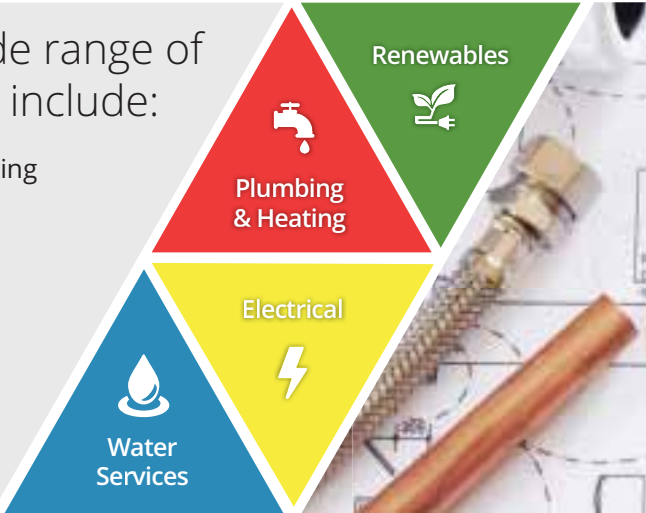
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1. "I use flowers and plants a lot because they really wake up a living room — and then I light them theatrically. I'll wash a flower arrangement in light, or aim one under a big leaf so that it just glows, as if in sunlight, even if it's midnight." — Larry Laslo.

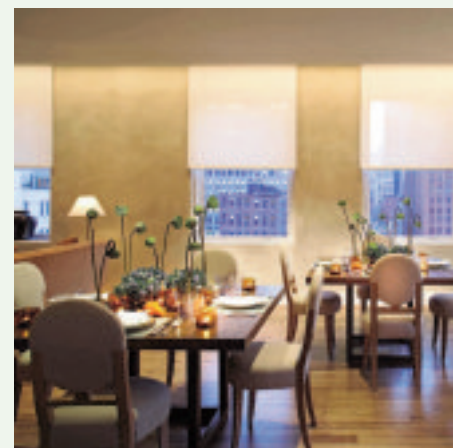
2. "A room should have multiple kinds of light to balance it and give it interest: hanging fixtures with up-lights and downlights in them to add perspective, table lamps for coziness, and candlelight for coziness. It's beautiful to group candles in twos and threes on tables and on window ledges. You can use the fat chunky ones and set them on flat stones or old pieces of wood." — James Huni-ford.

3. "In a bedroom, you need what I call a love light — a lamp you can dim when you're feeling amorous. In my bedroom, I have a Noguchi paper standing lamp. I use a 25-watt incandescent bulb — barely any light at all — that goes amber when I put the

dimmer on. It gives everyone the golden glow of late afternoon sunshine — that most beautiful light." — Clodagh.

4. "I love to put a lamp on a long dining table. Clear one end, and put the light and all the food and flowers there. It makes a lovely still life and floods the scene with warmth." — Barbara Barry.

5. "If you really want to go the distance, have diffusers made for the tops of all your lampshades. A diffuser is a plate that you attach to the lamp itself — we make ours out of sandblasted glass — and it prevents the light from casting a big shadow on the ceiling." — J. Randall Powers.



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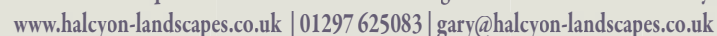
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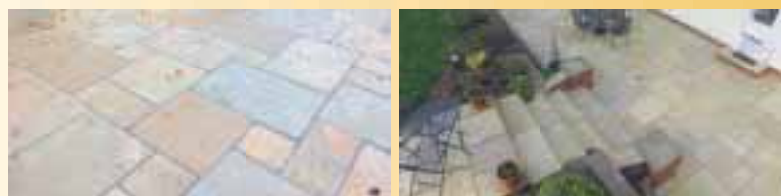
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ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Feeling the chill at *Aladdin*, but *Testament* ups the temperature

I'VE HAD a marvelous few days in Sydney. I was there to visit my sister and get a bit of sunshine, but I was also able to sneak into a couple of shows, during my visit.

The weather was glorious for the majority of my trip with the temperature topping 40° on a couple of occasions, which was a bit too warm for my wintered pasty flesh.

The venues in Sydney are geared up for hot summers however, with air conditioning pumping cool air throughout the auditoriums, which at times makes it a bit chilly if anything (there's just no pleasing me!).

I found the same thing when I visited New York a few summers ago. It was nice to get a break from the

searing heat but after half an hour or so, the auditoriums felt more like an arctic wasteland.

Unfortunately many of the venues in this country, due to their age don't fare well in extremes of temperature. On a few occasions last summer the heat in some of the London theatres was stifling and induced sleep (or maybe that was just the shows I was watching).

Sadly at this time of year you are never sure what you are going to get, with antiquated heating systems offering either fully on or off and not much in between.

Anyway, I enjoyed the sunshine while I could and between beach visits, I embarked upon the Sydney Opera House tour (a bit

chilly), which was quite interesting, although with my short attention span, I'd had enough after about 20 minutes.

The interior of the building reminded me of the Royal Festival Hall, with polished concrete and wood paneling. Ed Sheeran had been there the day before and although I'm not a big fan, I would have relished the opportunity to see him.

I also found the time to pop along to see Disney's *Aladdin* (absolutely freezing!), which lacked the sparkle of the West End production, but was nonetheless, still hugely entertaining.

I watched an amazing performance by the acclaimed Australian actress Alison Whyte in the Sydney The-



■ *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre, Sydney

atre Company's production of *The Testament of Mary*. It was performed in their Wharf Theatre (a good temperature), which stands on the water in Sydney Harbour and is a remarkable venue.

I was also invited to the premiere of a new television show called 'Australia Eats' and enjoyed a swanky party with a bunch of Australian celebs whom I didn't know. The show looks like it's good fun and the company are hoping it will get a transfer onto British TV in the near future.

It was fantastic to see a bit of theatre away from the UK and get an insight into the entertainment

scene on the other side of the planet.

Next week I'm back to the drizzle of London and I'm hoping my jet lag won't induce any impromptu napping, as I've got a lot to see.

Firstly, I'm hoping to bump into Gary Barlow again at the gala press night of *The Girls*. I'll try to play it cool and when he decides to come over and chat, I might pretend I'm not sure who he is. Who am I kidding? I'll go gaga and act like an excited teenager again I expect!

I'm also off to see *The Wild Party* at the newly opened The Other Palace, which promises to be a real treat. It stars some real West End favourites

including John Owen-Jones, Tiffany Graves and Frances Ruffelle, who has become a friend, so I'm really looking forward to seeing her in action again.

I have missed a number of the local shows over the last couple of weeks and I understand both Lyme Regis' and Honiton's pantomimes were exceptional. The panto season isn't quite over, so I'm expecting to cram in a few more visits before too long.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland



■ Celebrity chefs Andy Allen and Ben Melbourne are hoping to bring their Eat series to the UK



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Diary Dates

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

HAWKCHURCH: Boden one day shopping event at Fairwater Head, 10.30am-7pm.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society first talk of 2017 at Uplyme Village Hall 7.30pm, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.

SIDMOUTH: Coffee Concert Journey in to the Unknown. Organised by the Friends of Sidmouth Town Band. Includes incidental piano music while you chat and have coffee. 10.30am-12noon at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

COLYFORD: The Colyton Parish History Society will hold AGM followed by a talk and slide presentation on the fascinating history and interior of one of Colyton's iconic buildings - Old Church House. 7.30pm at Colyford Memorial Hall. All welcome, non-members £2 incl refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23rd
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

HONITON: Honiton Probud Club. Talk by Bryan Short 'Last Man Standing: The Fate of Alexander's Generals'. 11.30am for 12noon at the Heathfield Inn. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men. New members/prospective member welcome - come and give it a try. For more details call 01404 234195.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 10.30am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24th
SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30 Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.



Comedy, Cabaret, Chaos

Slightly Fat Features return to Lyme Regis for Variety by the Sea

THE EVER-POPULAR Variety by the Sea returns to Lyme Regis this February.

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The stars of the show are multi-award win-

ning comedy troupe Slightly Fat Features, who have toured the World including regularly in Londons West End, at the Edinburgh Festival, Just For Laughs Montreal and they are also appearing this year on Sunday night at the London Palladium in June.

They are bringing variety into the 21st century, so don't miss this one chance in 2017 to see them in Lyme up close and personal.

So come in from out of the winter cold and get warm with laughter and applause.

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Diary Dates

HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Afternoon. Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Raffle & Refreshments.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Spanish Tapas Demonstration with BBC Materchef finalist Angela Langford. 7-9pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Mumbo Jumbo in concert at Henhayes Centre. Tickets priced at £18 to include supper or £10 without. Supper served 6.30, concert starts 7.45. Bar.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group "Spend More Time in the Wild" at 7.30pm. Abbie Barnes of SongThrush Productions, local film producer, wildlife campaigner and adventurer will talk about the benefits of spending more time in the great outdoors; personal responsibilities for emotional and physical well-being. May include some information on Climate change based on recent project at Kilimanjaro. Parish Hall, North St. Ilminster TA19 0DG. no charge for children. Adult SWT members £2, non-members £3. Tea and coffee available.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25th

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

HORTON: Quiz Night at Horton Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 per person with a sandwich supper, bring your own beverage. Excellent quiz master. In aid of Carriage Driving for the Disabled (Ferde Abbey Branch). Please book on 01823 481348 or 01460 75025.

CHARD: Chard based family carnival club ZEM annual prize bingo at Crowshute House. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.15pm.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Quiz & Supper Evening, 7pm prompt. All welcome; come in a team or join one on the night. Licensed bar; raffle; £9 includes hot supper, please book in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 72769

HORTON: Quiz Night in aid of Local Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Horton Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Teams of to include nibbles and a sandwich supper. Bring your own drinks tea and coffee will be available to purchase £5 per person please book on 01823 481348/01460 75025

AXMOUTH: Play with Clay afternoon. Axmouth Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Ceramic artist and teacher Ann Ford Evans will be leading this workshop. You will be able to take your model/inspiration home for it to dry and paint later if you wish. Refreshments will also be on offer during the session. Donations to the Spiral Centre (thespiralcentre.wordpress.com). Book you place with Christina Bows on 01297 23822

CREWKERNE: Breakfast, 10am-12noon (last orders 11.30am) at Henhayes Centre.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale at Merriott Tithe Barn, Church Street, 10am-11.30am. Refreshments will be available.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26th

SIDMOUTH: The Isca Quartet and Quintet, with leader Roger Hendy. Performing Haydn's 'Emperor' and Dvorak's 'American'. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm.

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen's Jazz Band playing at Kennaway House Cellar Bar. Doors 2pm, music 3-5.30pm. Admission £14.50. Featuring Pete Allen on clarinet, Andy Dickens on trumpet, Bobby Fox on trombone, Dave Marwood on banjo, Richie Bryant on drums, James Clemas on piano, and Dave Hanratty on bass.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27th

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

MUSBURY: Musbury Garden Club's second talk of 2017 will take place at the village hall at 7.30pm. Roger Platts, the well-known garden designer, highly respected plant and nurseryman, and Chelsea gold medal winner, will give an illustrated talk on simple garden design and an insight into how RHS judges carry out their job. A talk not to be missed. Refreshments from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

More Diary Dates on page 38

Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

A brand-new era for Bestival at new Lulworth Castle home

Jamie T, The XX, A Tribe Called Quest, and The Pet Shop Boys all announced as headliners for festival's Dorset bow

BESTIVAL, based on the Isle of Wight for the past decade, has been given the green light for a move to its new home at the Lulworth Castle estate – the home of sister festival Camp Bestival.

It's a brand-new era, so prepare for the truly immersive experience of Bestival 2017. Announcing four incredible headliners and a huge bill of amazing music, we are entering a new chapter of light and sound, exploring the wonders of Colour on our mission to increase the peace this September 7th – 10th at the Lulworth Estate, Dorset.

Rob da Bank says: "Well what an adventure this promises to be... we have a beautiful new home with a massive castle in the middle of it, acres of beautiful woodland and forest, a sea view and the dramatic Jurassic coastline. Going back to our roots with Josie da Bank's hand-drawn artwork, reviving all our favourite stages from 14 years of Bestival history and going out with all our headliners for the first time ever together, we're pretty excited at Bestival HQ. From pop to grime, hip-hop to techno, folk to classical and every style in between we are reclaiming our place as the funnest, most adventurous, musically savvy and downright magical festival on the map. Please come along for the ride, and remember Increase the Peace".

The xx will be the first ever Castle Stage headliners at Bestival! Never anything less than breath-taking, there may not be a more fitting band to get the main stage action underway in our new home.

Commenting on their head-

line performance, The xx said: "Bestival was one of the first festivals we played, back in 2010, and it had always been a dream for us... we even begged to play the previous year. In 2012 we returned to play the main stage and we're so happy to say we'll be headlining this year, at the new site in Dorset. The Isle of Wight will hold a special place in our hearts but we're excited to bring our new show to their new home".

Guaranteed to be momentous, hip-hop heroes A Tribe Called Quest will headline Saturday at Bestival 2017, performing what will be their last UK Show.

Bringing the debut mainland Bestival to a suitably triumphant close, organisers are completely over the moon to announce synth-pop geniuses Pet Shop Boys as Sunday night headliners. Quite simply legends, we think they're the perfect band to bring some mind-blowing colour to our first Lulworth Estate finale!

Commenting on their headline show, Pet Shop Boys said: "Amazingly it is over ten years since we last played Bestival but we remember it being one of the most enjoyable festivals ever. Looking forward to bringing our new show there



■ **CHART-TOPPER:** Rag'n' Bone Man has seen his album reach number one



this year – and seeing how the audience has decided to dress up!"

And completing 2017's fantastic foursome of first-time headliners organisers are delighted to announce Wimbledon's finest, Jamie T will be the man kicking it all off with an exclusive performance topping the Thursday night bill on second stage, The Box.

There'll also be mind-blowing live music from super suave Gallic funksters Justice, plus, Dizzee Rascal, DJ Shadow, Little Dragon, Danny Brown, Rag'n'Bone Man, Laura Mvula, Soul II Soul, MNEK, Circa Waves, Ray BLK, Lucy Rose, and Charlotte Church's Late Night Pop Dungeon among many, many others.

And there will be DJ sets from Annie Mac, Andy C presents 25 Years of RAM, Krupt FM, David Rodigan presents RAM JAM, DJ Yoda, Maceo Plex, Jackmaster, Kölsch, Dusky, Toddla T presents Carnival, Artwork presents Art's House, Sink the Pink and loads more to boot. Check the line-up so far listing at the end of this press release for even more names playing across the weekend.

Redrawing the favourite party in the spirit of its original pioneering vision, Bestival's creative essence will explode before your very eyes with a cavalcade of brilliant new stages, incredible destinations and stone cold classics, including our brand new main stage The Castle Stage, the



■ **FINAL UK PERFORMANCE:** Hip-hop legends A Tribe Called Quest

eclectic wonders of The Box, the hands in the air nirvana of Temple, Bestival's heart and soul, Bollywood, and the righteous vibrations of Reggae Roots.

Back by very popular demand HMS Bestival is the last word in off the hook partying, plus you can dance like there's no tomorrow in new venues The Frozen Mole and Stacey's, delve into the vintage madness of Caravanserai, and Club DaDa, and kick back in the enchanting Ambient Forest, and at our steam punk vision, Oberon's Observatory.

Bestival 2017 is a whole new world to explore and to keep you on your toes we'll also have the dazzling delights of The World's Biggest Confetti Canon, Castle Fireworks Finale, the Love-Bot, The World's Biggest Bouncy Castle, Bestival Inflatable Church, Confetti Wedding Disco, The Feast Collective, Slow Motion, Revolution Rides, Carnival Day Parade and Night Parades, the Sugar Skulls Cocktail Bus, Sunday Best Cardboard Record Shop, Lost in the Woods, Ancient Woodlands, Free Haircuts, Campsite Recycling Hubs, Kids' Field and for all you vexillophiles out there, Flags by Angus Watt.

Celebrating the move to our new home at the Lulworth Estate, we are offering a couple of special one-off ticket deals. For the next 48-hours only (that's from 7.30am Thursday 9th February to 7am Saturday 11th February) you can grab your Bestival weekend ticket for £150 (plus booking fee), or £190 (plus booking fee) if you want to throw in coach travel from Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, London, Newport (IOW), Oxford,

Portsmouth, Reading, Ryde or Southampton. These deals are only available from Ticket-

line so, what are you waiting for? Grab your ticket now!



■ **FRIDAY HEADLINER:** The XX will be the first band to headline the new Castle Stage



■ **WIMBLEDON'S FINEST:** Jamie T plays Thursday night



■ **FESTIVAL CLOSERS:** The Pet Shop Boys will headline the Castle Stage on Sunday

Diary Dates

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try
AXMINSTER: 'Brooklyn' the BAFTA Award winning Best British Film, a romantic drama is showing at The Bradshaw Meeting Room. Heritage Centre doors open 1:30 for a 2pm start. Tickets just £4 can be booked in advance on 01404 831207 Light refreshments available after the film.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@half.org.uk.
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about Herbal Medicine in Your Garden. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

KILMINGTON: "I Daniel Blake (15)" 2017 BAFTA Winner Outstanding British Film, showing at Kilmington Village Hall. Doors and bar open (wine & soft drinks) at 6.45 Film starting 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking see the village web site kilmingtonvillage.com/movola.html or phone 01297 32335. Tickets £5 booked in advance or £5.50 on the door.

THURSDAY MARCH 2ND

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club AGM at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street.

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Chocolate Making Course 2.00 - 5.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Women's World Day of Prayer, 2pm at Crewkerne Methodist Church, South Street.

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

SEATON: Jumble Sale in aid of the Seaton and Axmouth branch of Cancer Research UK to be held at Seaton Town Hall on Saturday 4th March. Doors open at 10.00. Entrance 30p children under 24 free Teas, coffees, cakes, raffle and all of the usual tables. For more details call 01297 23227.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Indian Supper Club from 6.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. For more information please phone 01460 242775 or visit our web-

Important fundraising night for The Project

ON FRIDAY 3rd March, local mental health charity The Project is hosting a Comedy, Curry and Quiz night to raise much needed funds. Award-winning comedian, author and mental health campaigner Dave Chawner is providing the entertainment on the night, alongside a quiz and great food for a full Friday evening of fun.

The Comedy, Curry and Quiz night takes place from 7pm to 11pm at Axminster Town Football Club. Food is being provided by local caterers, Devon Kitchen Deli, and there is a choice of chicken or vegetarian curry, served with rice and naan bread. Quiz teams can include up to 6 people, but don't worry if you don't have a team – they can be formed on the night. There will be prizes for the winners of the quiz, so get studying!

The event is being held during National Eating Disorder Awareness Week and, as well as providing a night of entertainment, also aims to raise awareness of young people's mental health issues. Dave Chawner has talked openly about his experience with anorexia in the media and is a passionate advocate for the cause, and is performing this special gig for The Project as part of his university tour 'Normally Abnormal'.

Tickets are £15 and include the quiz, food and entertainment, and are on sale now from the Archway Bookshop in Axminster (ticket hotline: 01297 33595) or via The Project's website: www.theprojectyp.org.uk by emailing info@theprojectyp.org.uk with your requirements.

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MONDAY MARCH 6TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

HEWISH: The Annual General Meeting of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hewish takes place at 7.30pm, in the Church. All are welcome; please try to attend, especially if you are new to the village/area. Further information on 01460 74849.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Artisan Breadmaking Course 9.45am - approx 3.00pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

TUESDAY MARCH 7TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.15am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for its AGM, a talk by Reg German and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk.

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THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

HONITON: Honiton and District Liberal Democrats Skittle Evening at the Heathfield Inn, 7.30pm. For more details call 01404 47127. £3 each.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club meeting in the Millennium Hall. AGM followed by a talk from Susannah Applegate about 'Peonies and Irises'. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door. Refreshments available plus a raffle. For more details call 01460 249728.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association bi-monthly official meeting in the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close, at 7.30pm. It will be a good time to attend for any one who maybe interested in joining the association to turn up on the night where they will be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained via the secretary Mr Gary Pennells 01460 77978

SIDMOUTH: Prostate Cancer Support Group Honiton & District. Next meeting 10.00am Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, EX10 8AZ. Entrance free, partners welcome, just drop in. Part of North & East Devon Prostate Support Association. www.nedpsa.org.uk Reg Charity No: 1108540 Details: Terry 078 1173 3450

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

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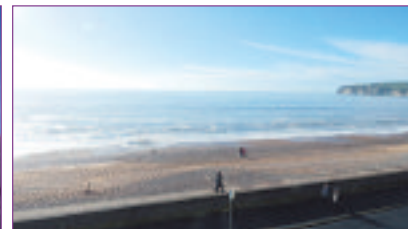
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COLYTON



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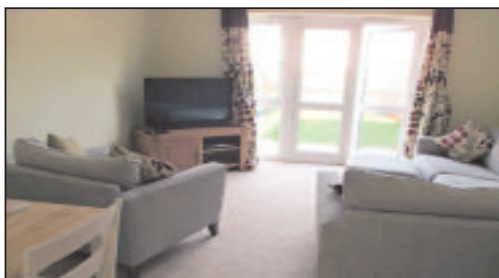
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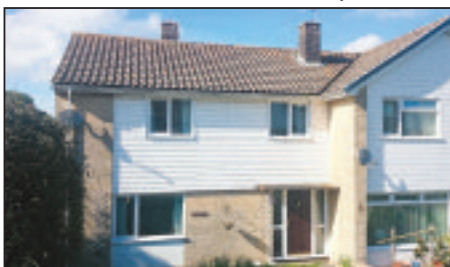
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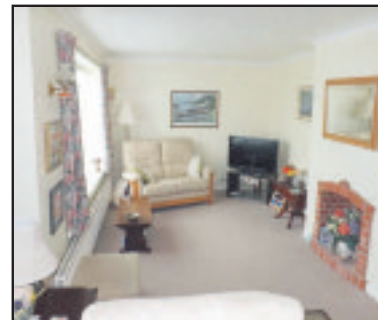
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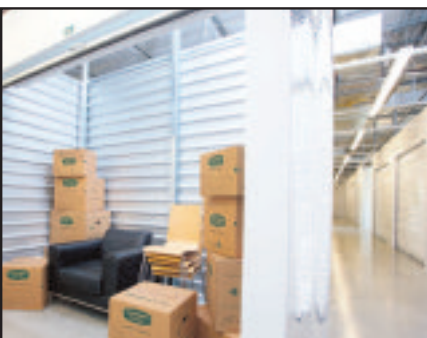
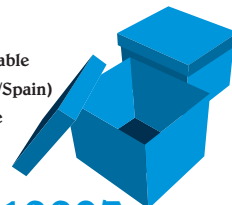
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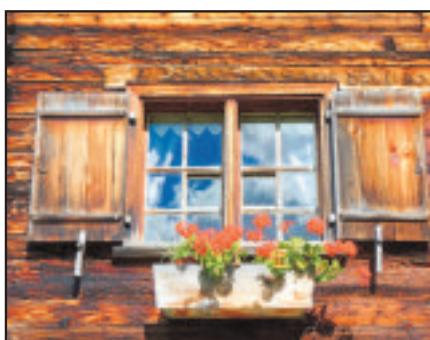
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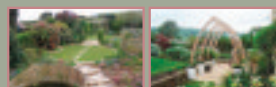
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EUROPEANS are getting taller, with the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries now officially among the biggest in the world.* The average Dutch man today is 182.5 cm – exactly six feet tall. But not everyone is so 'elevated', as an average woman from Greece is only 160cm.

Such diversity presented a fascinating challenge to Nissan engineers developing the new Micra. Not only did they have to create a vehicle interior that would provide outstanding comfort for drivers and passengers of all heights, but do it in a supermini with an exterior length of only 3,999 mm.

The team at Nissan's European Technical Centre (NTCE) – at Cranfield, UK – was clearly up to the challenge. The new Micra has class-leading interior space for front seat occupants, due in part to an innovative 'made to measure' approach.

Lee Griggs, Senior Engineer for Human Engineering, NTCE, explained: "It's a very simple idea. We select NTCE colleagues of various sizes and take 40 different measurements from each of them, recording everything from height and sitting eye position to arm and leg length."

Lee added: "It means we always have at least 200 real people we can call on at short notice to validate our latest ideas or changes. Of course, we have internal standards to work to, but real-world human feedback is every bit as vital."

With the tallest NTCE employee being 200 cm (6 ft 7 ins) and the smallest being 152 cm (4 ft 11 ins), it's a wide-ranging line-up that proved useful in creating the Micra's spacious interior.

Lee continued: "Micra has best-in-class forward / rearward seat travel and a rake / reach-adjustable steering wheel as standard, so everyone can get comfortable."

Early in the car's development process, best-in-class comfort and adjustment for both tall and small drivers was identified as one of the key factors in ensuring the new Micra's cabin would appeal to consumers down-sizing from bigger models.

Those drivers would also be looking for excellent design and use of quality materials in the cabin. So while Lee's team was carefully considering different spinal shapes and limb lengths, Nissan designers were working to create a genuinely uplifting interior.

The result is a stunning 'gliding wing' dashboard shape with a touch-screen infotainment system standard on all but the entry level grade. Two-tone soft-touch dashboard materials are standard across the range, while striking cabin personalisation options are also available.

The Micra's ergonomic interior has also boosted its safety credentials. For example, by using the latest High Definition technology during development, NTCE engineers were able to understand exactly which areas of the dashboard and instruments drivers were looking at, and for how long.

During the vehicle's development this data helped to finalise the vehicle's overall interior design. Benchmarking against rival vehicles means Nissan believes the new Micra has the lowest 'eyes off the road' time in the B-segment.

Coupled with the latest advanced safety technologies, the new Micra is one of the safest small cars on the road. Systems available on the car include Intelligent Lane Intervention, which subtly guides the car back to the centre of a lane, and Intelligent Emergency Braking with Pedestrian Detection.

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New Discovery arrives in UK retailers

LAND Rover's new Discovery arrives in retailers this week giving customers the first opportunity to test the most versatile SUV on sale today on UK roads. Even before the fifth generation of the world-renowned and much loved Discovery reaches retailers, more than 4,000 have already been sold in the U.K. alone with more than 20,000 sold globally.

Jeremy Hicks, Managing Director, Jaguar Land Rover UK said, "It's a special moment when a new vehicle arrives in our retailers and after months of planning, that moment is finally upon us. As of this moment our customers can see the new Discovery at their local retailer in the metal. We are very proud of the new Discovery, it does everything its predecessor does and more. With increased efficiency, improved versatility and clever technology for the whole family we have seen over 4000 new and existing UK customers order the new model even before its arrival at the retailer."

Since its star-studded reveal at Packington Hall, Solihull in September when the new Discovery was unveiled against a Guinness World Record-breaking lego backdrop, the new Discovery has been on display as part of a national tour. New and existing customers were invited to Land Rover's Solihull manufacturing site where the Discovery is built; it then continued to visit all Land Rover retailers nationally. Discovery has also been making an impact at high-profile events and locations includ-

ing 'Big Game 9' at Twickenham in December and the London Boat Show in January.

Outside of these exclusive activities, customers have only been able to experience the new Discovery through a Virtual Reality experience, but as of today, customers can see, touch and drive the UK's most anticipated SUV.

Retailers have been preparing for the new arrival for some time, undertaking rigorous training at Land Rover's off-road facility at Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire. Driving new Discovery against a sample of competitor vehicles, the new Discovery was put through its paces on- and off-road with classroom-style sessions demonstrating the vehicle's capability, versatility and connected technologies.



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Burns resigns at Axminster Town

Simmons double boosts Ilminster hopes of top two finish - Barrington and Pethy all square

Saturday, February 18th
Bishops Lydeard 2 Chard Town 1
Toolstation League Div One - att: 96

CHARD Town came of second best in the their first ever Western League local derby at Cotelstone Road.

The hosts opened the scoring in the 37th minute when Andy Butler headed home Charlie Wilson's cross.

But Chard hopes of a point from the short trip were raised in the 73rd minute when Jack Dicker was pushed over in the penalty area and Luke Jackson tucked away the resulting penalty.

The parity last just four minutes with Wislon popping up for what proved to be the winner.

Next up for Chard, now eighth in the table, is Saturday's trip to face seemingly doomed ALMONDSBURY UWE (3pm ko). The reverse fixture ended 3-3 with James Boyland, Max Westlake and Pat Golden on the score sheet back in October.

Chard Town: Jon Hill, Shaun Wells-Burr, Ryan Mason, Andy Holmes, Kieran Bailey, Pat Golden, Luke Jackson, Jack Dicker, Brad Miles, Steve Friend, Scott Martin. Subs: Taoufil Ben Salem, James Boyland, Jake Wolfe.

SW Peninsula League Div One (E)
Exeter University 1
Axminster Town 1

THE main talking point from the weekend at Tiger Way was undoubtedly news of manager Ian Burns' surprise resignation following the draw at Exeter University.

"I'm shocked, very surprised and more than a little puzzled," said Axminster chairman Ray Self.

"We've had our ups and downs this season like any other club, but Ian rang me on Saturday night to say he didn't think he could take this group of players any further forward and would be standing down along with his assistant Mike Hawes.

"We appeared to be well placed to reach a top four spot just before Christmas and a possible promotion to the Western League. But either side of the festive period the results have been inconsistent and Ian said he felt it was time for somebody else to have a go," continued Self.

The timing is certainly unusual with just six league games remaining and a top eight spot almost guaranteed. But the elusive top four does look unlikely now.

The Tigers have acted quickly to install long serving attacking midfielder Jon Hurford as interim player-manager until the end of the season.

"We've told Hurf he can bring in whoever he likes to give him a hand. We'll reassess the situation when the season ends," said Self who said of Burns and his assistant Mike Hawes who is also stepping down: "We're very appreciative what Ian has done over the past two seasons having to step in after the Richard Pears tenure ended so quickly. We're disappointed to lose him, he brought stability to the club at a tricky time - I think he just felt the players could have given more and pushed on for a place in the Western League."

For the record Burns led The Tigers to eighth place in the SW Peninsula League Division One (East) table last year, and the club are currently in the same position. He led the team in 62 SWPL matches winning 27 (43 per cent).

Saturday's draw with the Students was a scrappy, forgettable affair.

Jamal Barkley opened the scoring with a crisp drive from 20 yards that

found the top bracket. Uni went close to adding to their tally with two efforts that were kicked off the line.

The equaliser came five minutes later when Tony Pinder bundled the ball home after multiple efforts had been blocked or struck the woodwork in a frenetic melee.

Axminster: Scott Well-Burr, Craig Every, Dan Beer, Mark Smale, Elliot Dyer, Aaron Daniels, Liam Cleal, Nathan Warren, Callum Garrett, Jamie Barfoot, Tony Pinder. Subs: Ben Clay, Jon Hurford, Mike Knight, Chris Duchenski.

Axminster have no scheduled fixture next Saturday.

SOMERSET LEAGUE
Division One (West)

Ilminster Town 2 Street 0

FACED with two huge matches in the space of seven days, Ilminster Town took a giant step to a return to the Premier Division with victory over promotion rivals Street who came into the game in third place one behind The Blues.

After a bright start Ilminster opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Matt Brown's fine cross was headed home in style by Joe Simmons.

The towering front man added number two on the half hour when he got on the end of an Aaron Sweet free kick and volleyed home at the far post.

The visitors turned up the heat for 25 minutes after the break, but The Blues weathered the storm with keeper Matt Bisgrove making two fine saves from headers at corners and saw out the win.

Manager Jason Manley was impressed by the performances of Darren Brown at centre back and midfielder Sweet.

Top meets second next Saturday when Ilminster visit current leaders PORTISHEAD TOWN RESERVES (2.30pm ko).

Combe St Nicholas 0 Glastonbury 1
 COMBE dropped closer to the relegation places after finishing Saturday's match with just nine players after Harry Boddington and Nuno Oliveira were both shown two yellow cards.

Combe more than held their own in the first half before conceding just before half time from the visitors only shot on goal.

The Saints continued to look good after the turnaround and pinned their visitors back for 15 minutes before Boddington received two yellow cards in the space of 30 seconds - the first for a foul and they second for abusive language towards the Glastonbury manager.

Oliveira was dismissed 10 minutes from time.

"All-in-all it was a very disappointing day that was ruined by the referee," said Combe manager Phil Loaring.

Combe travel to face UPHILL CASTLE next Saturday (2.30pm ko).

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Honiton Res 0 Perry Street 4 (D3)

TWO goals from Jamie Brown helped Perry Street maintain their push for promotion in their debut season in the Devon & Exeter League

Brown, up from the Reserves having moved over from Chard United, nodded home a Steve Every cross with just two minutes on the clock.

But they failed to build on this until the strike of half time when Tom Perry finished bravely after good work from Ben Smith and Ben Mear.

Buoyed by this, things improved for



■ OLD AND NEW: Ian Burns (left) pictured earlier in the season with Jon Hurford who will manage Axminster until the end of the season. Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Andy Bond's side after the interval and Brown made it 3-0 in the 55th minute when he reacted quickest to tuck away the rebound after Conor Richardson had hit the crossbar.

Jay Stewart rounded things off 15 minutes from time having been unselishly set up by Perry.

The two teams meet in the reverse fixture at Mountbatten Park next Saturday.

Sidmouth Town 3rds 1
Ilminster Town Res 2 (D7)

A FANTASTIC 25-yard strike from Davi Rodrigues 15 minutes from time ensured Ilminster Reserves will be playing Division Six football next season.

Earlier, Sidmouth had taken the lead from the penalty spot after a foul by Ricky Anderson. They had a great chance to double the lead but were denied by a fine stop from keeper Barry Seymour.

The Blues rallied and Igor Costa netted an equaliser before half time to set the scene for Rodrigues' top corner-bound wonder strike.

Ilminster, now eyeing the title itself, welcome CHERITON FITZPAINE next Saturday (3pm).

SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP 4
 ILMINSTER Town Colts hopes of landing a place in the cup quarter-finals were shot down in a hail of goals in a 7-1 defeat by visiting Timsbury Res.

The Blues were 3-0 down when Jake Woodard pulled one back before half time but the visitors ran out worthy winner.

"We had our moments at 3-1 just before the break, but in truth they [Timsbury] dominated from the off," said Ilminster boss Matt Rowsell.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
TOMMY TABBERER CUP OF
Crewkerne Rangers 3
Charmouth 4

CREWKERNE Rangers squandered a golden chance to reach the semi-finals when they slip a 3-1 lead with 20 minutes to go at Henhayes. Ant Trubridge (2) and Scott Issacs netted for the hosts in an excellent first half performance.

Revised Semi-final line-up: Farway Utd or Dowlish & Donyatt v Winsham Utd Res, Charmouth v Halstock.

JOHN FOWLER CUP Quarter Finals
 A PAUL Gold double helped Fivehead beat Farway United Reserves 2-0 and set up a home semi-final against Uplyme Reserves who needed extra time to edge past neighbours Lyme Regis Rovers.

The other quarter final tie was more straight forward with Forton Reserves beating Crewkerne Rangers Reserves 5-0. Forton led 1-0 at half time through an Eddie James 25-yard free kick. James netted again in the second half and a double from Brad Marsden put the game well beyond Rangers before Steve Baker added a fifth for Forton who were well served by midfield general Dave Fowler.

Revised Semi-final line-up: Thorncombe Reserves or Misterton Reserves v Forton Rangers Reserves, Fivehead v Uplyme Reserves.

PREMIER

Barrington 1 South Petherton 1

TWO goals in the last three minutes saw title contenders Barrington and South Petherton forced the share the spoils at Shelway Lane.

Barrington thought they had broken the deadlock just before the late drama only to have an effort ruled out for offside.

So it was Ash Smith who opened the scoring with a drive from the edge of the area that appeared to have earned Pethy an impressive away win.

But The Yellow Hammers had other ideas and George Hayward netted with a 90th minute free kick, and they missed a golden chance to snatch a late winner when Andy Whitefield burst clear only to be denied by a fine one-on-one save by keeper Darren Charles who was suffering from a badly gashed head after colliding with a goal post.

Drimpton 1 Misterton 10

THE season clearly can't come too soon for Drimpton who are still hunting their first points having been thrashed by visiting Misterton.

Scott Jennings and Harvey Saunders both waded in with four apiece for the visitors whose others goals came from Jake Barry and Jack Blunn.

Liam Adams scored the Greens' consolation.

W & M Chinnock 2 Winsham Utd 2

IT was honours even at Oxleaze where Winsham came behind twice to land a point.

The Chinns took the lead early on when Alex Eckland headed home from a Russell Lock free kick and they carried the lead into the interval.

But the visitors leveled when home gloveman Matt Alford did well to keep out Brad Masters in a on-one-one opportunity but the rebound fell to Masters who slotted into the empty net.

Back came the hosts, and roles were reversed when Eckland headed on for Lock to smash the ball home.

The Wins's second equaliser came from player-manager Tom Stead after he came off the bench as a late substitute.

DIVISION ONE

FORTON Rangers roused themselves from a poor first half to make up ground on leaders Pymore with goals from Craig Studley (3), Robbie Walker (2).

Andy Stevenson, Cam Barfoot and George Read in an 8-0 win at South Petherton Reserves.

Pymore and Merriott battled out a 0-0 draw which, with Waytown beating Hawkechurch 2-0, helped neither team in their quest for promotion.

The other game played saw Jordan Brain score four as Shepton Beauchamp Reserves squeezed home 5-4 against visiting Combe A.

Tom Lock scored from the penalty spot for the Old Monsters' other goal while Adam Tovey, Matt Corrick, Ross Fanyinka and Richard Curwood netted for the Saints.

DIVISION TWO

Chard Utd Res 6 (D.Rogers 2, D.Scriven, D.Potter, R.Hames, J.Cox) Dowlish & Donyatt 1 (J.Smith), Farway Utd 7 (M.Reed 3, F.Souza 2, B.Reed, J.Gamble) Halstock 0, Kingsbury 3 (D.Neate, A.Ordierno, R.Agass) Chard Rangers 2 (S.Marshall, S.Loader).

DIVISION THREE

CALLUM Preston was the toast of the league's strikers with nine goals in Misterton Reserves' 17-0 annihilation of lowly Chard United All Stars. Stuart Weston (2), Kieran Bailey (2), Dean Richards, Dave Jones and an own goal made up the biggest win of the season.

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The golfers took advantage of the unusual benign conditions to register superb rounds.

Result: 1st Jerry Stephens & Ron Withers 48 points, 2nd Frank Martin & John Sweet 46, 3rd Phil Dewar & Mike Mosser 43.

The rain and mist returned on Wednesday but 21 members entered the three-man Bowmaker competition.

Scoring proved to be more difficult under the adverse conditions with only two teams managing better than par scores. Result: 1st John McOmish; Mike Mosser & George Wallace 73 points, 2nd Terry Rutherford; Mike Hone & John Pearce 72.

Improving conditions on Friday augured well for the sixth round of the Winter League programme with 48 Seniors taking to the course.

Result: 1st George Wallace & Ian Griffiths 44 points, 2nd Bob Barrow & Frank Martin 43, 3rd Norman Markby & John Pearce 42.

With two rounds to go, Wallace & Griffiths find themselves in the lead with 256 points, just one ahead of Flower & Wandless.

AXE CLIFF with Dave Bruce

DESPITE the fog-covered town, the course was clear which enabled our seniors to enjoy a very competitive Medal Round last Friday.

With a field of 40 members it was the high handicappers that won the day.

The overall winner was Leighton Morgan with a net 67.

Not far behind came three others all tied on countback with a net 71 being par for the course.

In second place was Paul McGuire hanging on to his 28 handicap. Adrian Bishop kept up his very steady form to finish third with Mick Swann fourth.

Tony Strong carded the only two.

In the Daily Mail foursomes Axe Cliff's Pauline Wills & Margaret Kenchington had a very close game against Sidmouth and were all square going to the 18th. Both teams played it well but Axe Cliff holed the crucial putt.

HONITON with John Pawley

THE mens Tuesday roll-up group had a curtailed morning due to rain, the mixed group never even got out!

However, most of the field to present Paul Ritchie with the 2016 Tuesday Mixed Player of the Year trophy. Having won more times during the year than anyone else Paul was very pleased to receive the prize from last year's winner - his wife Sue!

On Friday nearly 60 Seniors ventured out onto the course and scores were generally in the 30s but the winners of both divisions were able to achieve 37 points each.

Bill Eaton topped Division One followed



■ PROUD: Paul Ritchie with his Mixed Player of the Year trophy

by Steve Butcher (36) and Dave Maggs (35). Mike Stroud, also 35, was next on count-back.

Division Two winner Tony Proudfoot was followed by Ted Chandler on 36pts, Tom Tunncliffe was third on 34 on countback from Peter Blake.

Dave Morgan, Alan Pollock and Jim Wallis carded 2s on the 2nd and Dave Maggs on the 12th - each received 10 new balls.

rugby extra chard

U13s make their bow

THE Chard Rugby Club's Under 13 girls took part in their first game along with players from Dorchester, North Dorset and Hornets.

The girls were split into two teams and played a coached game with Somerset referee Matthew Bowditch taking the whistle.

The teams were well matched and the players put on an enjoyable game for the large crowd that came to watch.



■ ALL SET: (from left) Chard's Hope Hoskins, Georgia Smillie, Kirsten Dallimore, Faith Phillips, Ellie-Mae Strickland, Mia Henley.



■ GREAT FUN: Girls from Chard, Dorchester, North Dorset and Hornets after the game

on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

Colyton

Div 1: Red Lion Cavaliers 380 (H Harris, D Thompson 70) New Inn A 386 (D Jones 76); Axminster Con A 370 (D Board 68) Colyton Club A 331 (P Scottford 61); Colcombe A 437 (S Marks 63) Vine B 436 (R Blackmore 81); Lamb B 313 (B Dicks 67) Gerrard A 329 (D Hawkins 61); Tuckers Arms B 322 (Lorna Gould 59) Seaton FC A 365 (M Pavey 68); Cloakham B 318 (M Enticott 60) Red Lion A 336 (C Miller 63); Honiton Con D 369 (D Wakley 63) Lamb A 399 (T Moore 73);

Div 2: Volunteer A 345 (M Gillard 79) Kings Arms Beers 310 (J Gladstone 62); Gerrard B 350 (J Tucker 60) Offwell A 387 (D Spragg 75); Eagle Tavern 410 (B Hutchings 81) Ship C 341 (R Gush 61); Tuckers A 378 (J Gostling 77) Sidbury Stones 333 (G Sweetland 64); Dolphin Vikings 353 (A Parkhouse 71) Honiton Converts 380 (A Rose, S Lapping 69); Vine A 364 (Sheila Davenport 65) Colcombe Beerboys 356 (M Graham 66);

Div 3: Three Tuns BTP 292 (K Zarczynski, A Wheatley 52) Wilmington Harts 290 (P Richards 60); White Hart B 336 (P Bowler 59) Colcombe B 327 (M Bleaken 62); Sidbury Village Inn 368 (N Anthony 68) Volunteer B 370 (N Broom 67); Kingfisher A 300 (R Collier 56) Cloakham Wanderers 303 (E Barnes 56); Red Lion Sidbury 340 (N Barrett 63) Vine Nomads 369 (B Solman 74);

Div 4: Seaton FC B 356 (Jackie Jones 67) Tuckers Arms C 306 (R Burrough 62); Heathfield A 375 (D Pearce 72) Rising Sun B 364 (N Curtin 72); New Inn B 3308 (D Hodder 63) Honiton Con A 316 (T Bennett, M Richards 56); Rising Sun A 341 (R Parsons 63) Honiton WMC B 332 (J Smith 60);

Axminster Inn A 342 (A Beer 64) Winstons A 304 (E Maxwell, M McGarrigue 56);

Div 5: Colcombe Nomads 394 (P Easter 84) White Hart A 368 (H Parr 78); Offwell B 369 (L Stubbs, R Hemmrow 68) Sidmouth Arms Kings 395 (O Fuller 78); Winstons KOOTS 322 (J Miles 57) Heathfield B 307 (Eileen Glaeser 58); Colyton Club B 367 (J Richards 68) Kingfisher B 310 (A Hurford 63); Seaton Bowling 288 (Hazel Smith, Lilian Hurley-Smith 54) Honiton Con Raiders 274 (T Foster 58).

Division One Pld Pts
Axe Inn A18 27
New Inn A18 26
Red Lion Cavs18 26
Vine B18 22
Gerrard A18 21
Colyton Club A18 19
Tuckers Arms B18 19
Honiton Con D18 18
Seaton AFC A18 18
Lamb B18 16
Red Lion A18 14
Colcombe A18 12
Lamb A18 8
Cloakham B18 6

Division Two Pld Pts
Offwell A18 26
Volunteer A18 25
Vine A18 24
Sidbury SC Stones17 20
Ship C18 19
Dolphin Vikings18 18
Honiton Converts18 18
Eagle Tavern18 16
Gerrard B18 16
Honiton WMC A15 15
Wheelwright A17 14
Colcombe Beerboys18 13
Tuckers Arms A18 13
Kings Arms Beers18 10

Division Three Pld Pts
Vine Nomads15 21
Wilmington Harts16 20
Sidbury Village Inn16 19
Cloakham Wanderers16 18
Volunteer B16 16
Kingfisher A15 14
Mountbatten Whites15 14
White Hart B15 14
Three Tuns BTP14 14
Red Lion Sidbury15 13
Colcombe B16 12

Ship A13 6
Division Four Pld Pts
Rising Sun A15 28
Axe Inn A16 21
Kings Arms A14 18
Heathfield A16 18
Honiton Con A14 15
Honiton WMC B15 15
Seaton AFC B16 14
Winstons16 13
Honiton Con Artists15 12
New Inn B15 11
Rising Sun B16 10
Tuckers Arms C16 8

Division Five Pld Pts
Colcombe Nomads15 26
Colyton Club B14 24
Offwell Rejects16 20
Sidmouth Arms Kings16 20
Seaton Bowling15 18
Winstons Koots16 16
Dolphin B14 14
White Hart A15 12
Kingfisher B14 10
Heathfield B15 10
Honiton Con Raiders16 6
Tuckers Arms D14 4

Axminster

Ellis Shield R3: Thorncombe C 273 (M Sollis 56) B&Gs 311 (B Pring 61), Red Lion D 236 (J Hoole 58) Wootton Cowboys 296 (I Johnson 57), Wootton Sherberts 186 (A Churchill 53) Green Army 187 (M Pidgeon 48), Thorncombe Drifters 260 (C Wyatt 55) Kings Arms Seaton 210 (J Mcabe, D Park 46), Colcombe A 338 (J Williams 70) Ax Con Rebels 336 (M Summers, P Pomeroy 64), Ax Inn Jokers 244 (B Dicks 51) Old Inn Kilm A 203 (J Perkins 48), Tuckers C 304 Red Devils 294 (R Summers 61).

Fourth Round draw (Tuesday, February 28th); B&Gs v Thorncombe Drifters Wootton Cowboys v Colcombe A Green Army v Ax Inn Jokers Sid Arms or Red Lion C v Tuckers C.

League (February 15th)

Div 1: Tuckers C 370 Red Lion D 352 (D Thompson 65), Old Inn Kilm A 333 (M Collier 63) Ax Con Rebels

361 (V Trott, W Phillips 64), Green Army 344 (M Pidgeon 63) The Kingfisher Feds 343 (J Chaplin 67), Lamb Spartans 323 (S Flint 64) Gerrard D 315 (M Facey 71), Red Devils 365 (J Herbert 68) Thorncombe B 387 (P Fursman 76), Wootton Cowboys 332 (P Studley, R Hedditch 59) B&Gs 331 (L Summers 58).
Div 2: Gerrard A 360 (S Riley 71) WH Warriors 335 (R Upright 61), Ax Inn Jokers 329 (D Churchill 65) Lamb A 314 (G Smith 59), New Inn A 298 (N Cook, M Williamson 53) New Inn C 346 (R Webb 63), WH Wilm A 404 (D Olive 76) Thorncombe C 365 (M Taylor 71), Red Lion C 352 (M Herrod 67) Tuckers Maggots 381 (C Schultze 75), Colcombe A 420 (J Williams 87) Wootton Sherberts 442 (P Chapman 81), Thorncombe A 377 (M Stead 77) Cloakham Stars 331 (D Baker 60).

Div 3: King Wingers 297 (W Curnoe 60) Colcombe B 289 (P Wyatt, K Mitcham 56), Ax Inn B 356 (R Summers 64) Ax FC B 328 (R Smith 63), Ax Con A 300 (G Thomas, B Styles 54) Old Inn Kilm B 292 (A France 54), Kings Arms Seaton 341 (K Massey 68) Ax Inn A 305 (M Margettes 59), AxFC IV 438 (J Turner 94) Gerrard B 373 (R Voysey 68), AxFC A 414 (M Boniface 78) WH Wilm B 388 (J Hoad 83).

Div 4: Gerrard C 331 (M Macaskill 59) Colcombe Nomads 337 (R Fielder 66), Lamb Shanks 334 (D Chaplin, T Deem 62) Bev's Boys 310 (S Burrough 61).

Division One Pld Pts
Ax Con Club Rebels19 32
Lamb Spartans19 28
B & Gs19 26
Wootton Cowboys19 24
Thorncombe B19 22
Tuckers C19 20
Red Lion Red Devils19 18
Sidmouth Arms19 18
Green Army19 18
The Feds (Kingfisher)19 14

Thorncombe Drifters18 12
Old Inn Kilmingston A19 12
Red Lion D19 12
Gerrard D19 8

Division Two Pld Pts
Thorncombe A19 28
Wootton Sherberts18 26
Thorncombe C19 24
Axe Inn Jokers19 24
Red Lion C19 22
Tuckers Maggots19 22
New Inn Kilmingston C19 20
Colcombe A19 20
White Hart Warriors19 17
Gerrard A19 14
White Hart Wilm A19 14
New Inn Kilmingston A18 14
Cloakham Stars19 12
Lamb A19 7

Division Three Pld Pts
Axminster Inn B17 26
Old Inn Kilmingston B18 22
King Wingers18 20
Gerrard B18 20
Axminster FC IV18 18
Kings Arms Seaton A17 18
Ax Con Club A16 18
Axminster Inn A17 17
Axminster FC A16 16
Axminster Halfcuts17 16
White Hart Wilm B15 12
Axminster FC B18 10
Colcombe B18 9

Division Four Pld Pts
Lamb 49s16 25
Lamb Shanks18 24
Colcombe Nomads17 22
Seaton Bowling Club14 20
Winston Wobblers16 19
New Inn Hawks16 18
Bev's Boys15 14
Ship Rotary16 14
Kingfisher A17 14
Gerrard C16 12
Tuckers Y15 10
Bottle Inn16 8
White Hart Colyford14 6

Ladies

Div 1: New Inn A 275 (H Hopewell 55) Wotnots 295 (B Crispin 52), Red Lion A 371 (M Miller 71) Seaton BC 310 (H Smith 57), Gerrard Guzzlers 333 (K Randall 66) Colcombe A 344 (S Newton 60), Colcombe Girls 344 (A Wren 64) New Inn B 360 (M Mear 67), Thorncombe Newtops 323 (W Burls 59) Bees Knees 295 (L Bastin 59).

Div 2: Cloakham A 313 (W Kiy 63) Thorncombe A 311 (Kim Gaylard 62), Col-

combe B 364 (S Wilton 87) Colcombe Angels 337 (C Packman 67), WH Wilm A 321 (H Hible 61) Red Lion Rabble 300 (F Bagge 65), Seaton FC 305 (A Tidball 59) B&Js Cloakham 301 (B Roberts 54), Ax FC Battleaxes 330 (L Beer 63) Tuckers B 358 (C Cole 67), Tuckers A 317 (M Hurford 60) Gerrard A 322 (C Thurston 60).

Ladies Division One Pld Pts
Axe Inn A16 28
Wotnots15 26
Seaton Bowling Club15 21
Red Lion A16 20
Rousdon Ladies16 17
Colcombe Girls17 14
Colcombe A16 14
Gerrard Guzzlers17 13
Bees Knees17 13
New Inn A16 12
New Inn B16 10
Thorncombe Newtops17 6

Ladies Division Two Pld Pts
Cloakham A18 24
Tuckers Arms B17 22
Gerrard A17 22
Colcombe B18 20
Battle Axes17 20
White Hart Wilm A18 20
B & Js17 18
Seaton FC17 18
Tuckers Arms A16 16
Colcombe Angels18 14
Thorncombe A17 12
Axe Inn Allsorts17 10
Red Lion Rabble15 8

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Division One Pld Pts
Super Sexy Six14 131
Lost Boys15 130
Headhunters15 111
Mighty Ducks15 106
The Coachmen15 106
Stray Cats15 93
Football Club15 84
King Willy Dogs15 79
Rollers15 79
Odd Bobs15 61
Royal Oak Drimpton15 44
Sports 9214 38

Division Two Pld Pts
Brewers Bees14 103
Perrott Monkeys13 103
Pinbusters14 101
Rugrats13 95
Skimmers14 89
Hillbillies13 77
Muppets14 75

Ugly Ducklings13 71
Fudders14 64
Raptors14 62
Fryers14 60

Division Three Pld Pts
DBST15 120
Royal Chokers15 108
Admiral 615 104
The King's Jesters15 101
Chis Colts15 93
Concorde15 91
Willy Low Flyers15 89
Sandbaggers15 88
Beer Leg Boys15 82
Rotary15 79
King's Men15 68
The Likely Lads15 57
Top Score, T.Champion & V.Ball both 65.

East Devon Hunt Division One Pld Pts
Culm Vale17 26
Marvels18 26
Blacksmiths16 20
Talon18 20
Ur Arns16 18
Honiton Cyst17 18
Marsh Green17 18
Stags17 16
Foxenhole17 15
Night Owls17 15
Sutton Wanderers16 14
Auctioneers17 14
Uppottery17 10
Sidford16 6

Division Two Pld Pts
Jack's Lads15 24
Latecomers16 24
A Team16 22
Keepers16 22
Perkins Village16 19
Zulu Warriors15 17
Cocks & Hens16 16
Breakaways15 14
Top Cats15 12
Tuckers Arms15 12
Awilcombe Shoot14 11
Brooksidars14 5
Bakers 817 2

Division Three Pld Pts
New Inn13 22
Broadclyst15 20
Goldtops15 17
Yetties13 16
Guys & Gals15 16
Bashers10 15
Axe Valley14 15
Here for the Beer14 12
Alley Cats16 12
Maynards12 10
Yoyo's14 10
Cee Dee's16 8
Earth Stoppers13 7
Top Scores; Dave Youlden 94, Martin Nancekivell 84, Dennis Emmett 83, Arthur Parsons 82.

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Premier Division Pld	Pts	PAs	
High 4 & a Half	9	17610
Rejects Return	8	14811
Wanderers	8	11912
Crusaders	9	11913
Hobnobs	10	11614
BDBs	8	10715
Happy Sharks	9	9916
Hopefuls	9	7817
Most 180s: L.Cox 6,			
P.Lawrence 5, S.Rutter & S.			
Mainwaring both 3,			
G.Knight, L.Roper,			
A.Hodges, D. Cook & G.Hill			
all 2, 13 players 1.			
Division One	Pld	Pts	
Okey Doaks	11	14018
Pop Darts	11	12519
Random Tossers	10	11320
Down's	11	10721

snooker seaton & district

No stopping Ward or Pike

ONLY two matches to report on this week as the Colyton ExCons and Feds agreed to postpone their match.

At the top of the league table Honiton Wonderers scored yet another 6-0 whitewash this time over Colyton TC.

It is worth noting that this means both Graham Ward (with 18 consecutive frame wins) and Ben Pike (with 22 consecutive frame wins) are both unbeaten this sea-

son.

At the other end of the table Honiton WMC notched up a 5-1 victory over Chard Casuals where David Selway grabbed a frame along with bonus points from Steve Banfield.

Another odd fact from this week's is that Andy Facey and Richard Burr, two B graded players, only managed to score two points in their frames!

Please send your sports news, reports, scores, fixtures and photographs to: howard@viewnews.co.uk

darts colyton & district

THIS Thursday sees the qualifying night for the **Berwick Cup Fours**. Matches are best of five legs of 701, double start, winners go forward to Finals night (Friday, May 12th). Venues and draw are as follows:

At The Royal Clarence: R1: Halesy's Bar A v Kingfisher B; Royal Clarence A v Halesy's Bar B. QF: Halesy's Bar A/Kingfisher B v New Inn; Vault A v Royal Clarence A/Halesy's Bar B. SF: Winners of the above.

At The Golden Hind: R1: Kingfisher A v Dolphin B; Dolphin A v Kings Arms. QF: Kingfisher A/Dolphin B v Golden Hind; Dolphin A/Kings

1001 pairs/Tucker Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	16	68
Halesy's Bar B	15	57
Vault A	17	52
Kings Arms	16	52
Dolphin A	16	45
Golden Hind	16	42
Kingfisher A	17	39
Vault B	16	34
Kingfisher B	15	31
Dolphin B	15	25
Clarence A	15	18
New Inn	16	12

Arms v Vault B. SF: Winners of the above.

League Results (1001/Pairs first):
Week 18: Halesy's Bar A 5(5) Kingfisher B 0(1).

Week 19: Dolphin B 5(3) Vault B 0(3); Halesy's Bar B 5(6) Kingfisher A 0(0); Kings Arms 4(5) New Inn 1(1); Golden Hind 2(1) Halesy's Bar A 3(5); Kingfisher B 1(2) Dolphin A 4(3); Vault A 4(3) Royal Clarence A 1(3).

Highest Finishes: 115 Andy Morgan (Halesy's Bar B); 112 Paul Salmon (Kingfisher B); 100 Mark Durston (Kings Arms).
180s: Ed Coutts (Vault A).

Singles - Maundrill Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	16	77
Kings Arms	16	64
Halesy's Bar B	15	62
Vault A	17	56
Dolphin A	16	55
Kingfisher A	17	54
Vault B	16	49
Golden Hind	16	43
Kingfisher B	15	38
Dolphin B	15	29
Clarence A	14	19
New Inn	15	18

starter's orders running news

Grizzly preparations underway

Axe Valley Runners

AVR's finished first and second in this week's SEATON PARKRUN, with Jake Smith, on the comeback trail from injury, winning in 17:06 and Terry Emmett next in 18:38.

Simon Durrant was third 18:56 and AVR's Flo Swan the first lady, eighth overall out of the 154 entrants in 20:39.

Organiser Lesley Adams was able to run for the first time and finished first lady in her age group, 80th overall, 28:36.

With only three weeks to go to the March 12th race date, most of the club took part in an official GRIZZLY rehearsal run on Sunday - an important test of training.

Honiton RC

with Judy Davey
FIVE members took part in the H U M D I N G E R HALF, a hilly half marathon around the lanes north of Taunton.

The Honiton ladies came in third as a team (Anne Carter's time didn't count as she hadn't been a member when she entered the race).

Anne Carter was first in 136th place in 1 hour 59 and 10 seconds and Jennie Sleeman came next a few seconds later although her chip time was slightly faster in 1:59:06.

Asilah Jarrald was 157th in 2:03:08 with Rachel Hennessy 163rd in 2:03:48 and Kathy Layzell in 2:24:09, there were 214 finishers.



■ From left; Richard Harvey, Luke Reed, Andrew Dare, Kerr-Ann Upham, Phil Bartlett,

FIVE members of the Pure Endurance triathlon club took part in the recent Taunton Aquathlon which comprised a 1000m swim followed by a hilly 10km run.

Results: Luke Reed - Swim 16:12mins, Run 36:30mins - Total 52:47mins (7th overall - 3rd Age Group). Kerri-Ann Upham -

S/16:55m, R/44:13m - tot 1hr 01:12mins (22nd o/a (3rd ag).

Phil Bartlett - S/17:54m, R/43:19m - tot 1hr 01:18mins 23rd o/a - 11th ag).

Richard Harvey - S/18:40m, R/43:23m - tot 1hr 02:08mins (26th o/a - 5th ag).

Andrew Dare - S/19:55mins, R/44:46m - tot 1hr 04:46m (30th o/a, 15th ag).

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with Glyn Hughes

Vital win for battling Chard

Chard 30 Midsomer Norton 21

CHARD welcomed Midsomer Norton for a bottom of the table clash and flew out of the blocks with Hartley going over the line before many of the crowd had filtered from the clubhouse. The conversion from Nanni Osman gave Chard a 7-0 lead.

The hosts continued with their early dominance and were rewarded on 23 minutes with another try when captain Ryan Helliard went in the corner for an unconverted score.

This was perhaps the wake up call the visitors needed as straight from the restart they forced the hosts into errors and were duly rewarded with a tremendous individual try under the posts which received deserved applause from both sets of fans.

Midsomer Norton continued to press and scored a second converted try giving them a 14-12 lead.

Not to be out done Chard had the final say of the half and Osman found space and crossed the line for a converted try to

make it 17-14 at the break.

The second half started in the same frantic way as the first half had finished and Osman was on hand to score the bonus point try which he also converted to extend the lead to 24-14.

The fight back from the visitors eventually forced a penalty and after opting for a scrum the opposition forced Chard in to another error and the referee awarded the visitors a penalty try which they converted to take the score to 24-21.

At this point the game really looked like it could go either way but Chard held their nerve and two penalties from Osman rounded off the 30-21 victory.

SW Division One (Bottom)	Pld	Pts
Okehampton	20	45
Bideford	20	45
Teignmouth	20	42
CHARD	19	22
Kingsbridge	20	20
Midsomer Norton	20	7

Wiveliscombe 2nds 3 Chard 2nds 20

jack high bowls news and round-up

HONITON with Julie Grant

THE Ladies entertained AXMINSTER last week and squeaked a 50-47 win, top triple were captain Yvonne Williams, Di Hawkins & Heather Chambers 23-11.

The Men had less success in their Over 60s game against TORBAY going down 86-76, top rink Fred Cowey, Denis Hillyear, Eddie Sharman & Malcolm Seaborne 25-17. In the ICL Honiton men did manage a 73-73 draw with BUDLEIGH, top winning rink were Chris Maynard, Alan Fuller, Tony Tooley & Trevor Pipe.

Honiton won their mixed friendly against BOVEY TRACEY 94-62, top rink Yvonne Williams, Elizabeth Fielding, Gerry Stafrace & Cyril Dann 24-12.

The weekend sees Honiton ladies involved in county semi finals, in the pairs and fours on Saturday at Mid Devon and in Top Club on Sunday at Honiton.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

TWO Ilminster teams won through to the

County semi-finals at the weekend.

On Saturday a rink of Ian Lightfoot, Tony Peterson, Will Anderson & Matt Hamilton reached the County semi-finals with a comprehensive 29-2 win at home against PURNELL'S.

On Sunday the triples also won against CLEVEDON and now meet Weston St Andrews in the semi-final on the 19th March. Details: Jonathan Kingston, Will Anderson & Matt Hamilton 21-10.

On Sunday visitors PURITON ran out 31-23 winners in a two-rink friendly. Details: John Pemberton, Heather Sims, Roger Lench & Barry Sims 13-17; Brian Welch, Joan Gratrix, John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 10-14.

AXMINSTER with David Harris

THE Club enjoyed two good wins at the weekend. Firstly DUNKESWELL were defeated 94-19 in a mixed friendly at home with wins on all rinks; Andy Curtis, David Lawrence, Ann Clayton & Brian Clark (34-1), Philippa White, Les Clark,

Somerset Two South

WITH no colts fixture on Saturday several of the clubs promising colts were given a run out in the 2nd xv and did very well.

Chard opened the scoring with an unconverted try from the speedy Emile Szydelko. Cam Helliard added a conversion.

Later, tries came from Joe Mainwaring who powered over from a maul before Szydelko got his second touchdown.

Man of the Match went to Ross Colenso for a terrific all round display.

For the 2nd week in a row **Chard 3rd xv** 'won' their match because the opposition - in this case Wells - could not raise a team.

Chard have announced that former player **Jim Wagstaff** will take over as head coach when the current season is over. More information about this appointment will follow in future weeks.

Saturday's fixtures (both 2.3-pm ko)

Chard v West-super-Mare
Chard 2nds v North Petherton

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS: Crib Drive (at The Honiton Inn, Awliscombe) February 16th. Winners, Ro & Dave (Blacksmiths Arms Plymtree) 850 points pegged on nine hands, runners up; Kevin & Janet (New Fountain Inn Whimble) 831 points pegged on nine hands.

KO Cup fixtures round one, first 1st Thursday; Blacksmith Arms v Feniton Soc A, Honiton Inn B v Honiton Inn A, New Fountain v Thirsty Farmer. Byes; Workingsmens A, Feniton Soc B, Vine Inn A, Workingsmens B, Vine Inn B.

LYME REGIS

RESULTS (Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels 1 Talbot Arms 4, Stepps 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 4, Ship Inn LR 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 3.

Beer League; Charlie's Angels 0 Talbot Arms 3, Stepps 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Dolphin 1 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn LR 1 New Inn Kilm B 2, Nags Head LR 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 27th); **Losers Cup** Final - Charlie's Angels v New Inn Kilm A (at New Inn Kilm).

KO Cup semi-finals and final (at Dolphin, Beer, 7.30pm start); teams - Nags Head, Dolphin, Ship Inn LR, New Inn Kilm B

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	18	54
Nags Head, LR	17	51
Ship Inn, LR	18	48
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	17	44
Lamb Swans	18	44
Talbot Arms	17	42
Dolphin, Beer	17	41
Charlie's Angels	17	40
Stepps	17	38
New Inn Kilm B	17	28

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	17	32
Lamb Swans	18	29
Stepps	17	29
New Inn Kilm B	17	28
Charlie's Angels	17	26
Gerrard Arms	18	25
Ax Con Club	17	25
Talbot Arms	17	24
Dolphin, Beer	17	22
Ship Inn, LR	18	22
New Inn Kilm A	17	21

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Bishop's title

TEN members fished the final round of the V.E.S. Precision league on the River Isle on Sunday.

Result; 1st Jamie Rich 14lb 2oz, 2nd Rob Cox 7lb 13oz, 3rd Graham Field 7lb 4oz.

In the league Adie Bishop took the title with 12 points closely followed by Jamie Rich and Steve Parker on 13 with Jamie claiming the runners up spot thanks to a superior weight advantage.

The club would like to say a massive thanks to V.E.S. Precision for their support and to Rob Cox for his hard work arranging the matches.

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Ilminster

Simmons at the double in vital promotion victory over rivals Street.

Chard

Rugby club come from behind to win relegation clash against Midsex Norton at Essex Road.

South Petherton

Magpies and Barrington all square after late drama in Perry Street League Premier Division title clash



■ AT THE DOUBLE: Joe Simmons

Way admits drop looms large if no improvement

Cheltenham Town 2
Yeovil Town 0

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FOR the second Saturday running Yeovil Town failed to beat relegation strugglers as they too move downwards towards the drop zone into non-league obscurity.

With the lifeline of any more loan moves no longer available, manager Darren Way now succeeds or fails with the squad he has at his disposal.

Last week they dropped two points against second bottom Leyton Orient conceding an equaliser two minutes from time.

They repeated this again on Tuesday against a very mediocre midtable Cambridge United with another equaliser two minutes from the end, and completed the week with a woeful second half display at Whaddon Road which allowed Cheltenham to take all three points and in doing so move out of the relegation spots.

Seven points dropped in a week against sides they should be beating! Although it is always supposition, had they won all those matches, the extra points would have seen them climb to at least 11th in League Two and just two points off a play-off place.

Next week they travel to Notts County, who although fifth bottom, are only three points below the Glovers who beat them comfortably on the opening day of the season at Huish Park.

Even Way, who normally protects his players against criticism in the

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press, was scathing on their second half performance against former Glovers' boss Gary Johnson's Robins.



■ WORRYING TIMES: Darren Way

The worrying thing is what ammunition does he have to stave off a possible collapse of form?

Already in a horrendous run of just two league wins in 14 matches since the beginning of December, looking at the remaining fixtures does not give you confidence, particularly, as the Glovers manager claims, matches against all sides whether at the top or bottom are difficult.

The six home games left include Carlisle (3rd), Luton (4th) and Mans-

field (7th), and of the seven away matches they have to travel to Portsmouth (5th), Exeter (6th), and bottom side Newport County as well as Notts County.

It sounds a tough ask on current form.

Against Cambridge they were without central defenders captain Darren Ward, who it is reported is unable to play two games in a week because of his knee injury, and Alex Lacey who has also been in the wars with injuries this season.

The Glovers boss played Matt Butcher and Bevis Mugabi who did nothing wrong, but dropped the young Ugandan in favour of Ward for Saturday's match. Ryan Dickson has also had long spells out injured.

Before the transfer deadline day, Way loaded the squad with Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Barnet), Kabongo Tshimanga (MK Dons), Owain Jones (Swansea), Shayon Harrison (Tottenham Hotspur) and Brandon Goodship, all forwards.

He must believe they are better than those already at the club, and whilst it takes time for players to bed in at a new club none, apart from Akpa Akpro, have been given any real game time in league matches.

Surely with the problems with defenders fitness, might it not be better to invest in another defender or two?

Way was faced with a similar situation last year and to his credit he saved them from relegation so we have to hope and believe he can do it again.

YEovil TOWN F.C.

Glovers
by numbers

Sky Bet League Division Two	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Doncaster Rovers	32	19	7	6	61	38	23	64
Plymouth Argyle	31	19	4	8	51	34	17	61
Carlisle United	32	15	13	4	56	45	11	58
Luton Town	32	14	11	7	48	30	18	53
Portsmouth	31	15	7	9	45	29	16	52
Exeter City	32	15	5	12	51	35	16	50
Mansfield Town	32	12	11	9	41	37	4	47
Stevenage	32	14	4	14	50	49	1	46
Wycombe Wanderers	31	13	7	11	39	39	0	46
Barnet	32	11	12	9	41	43	-2	45
Colchester United	31	12	8	11	47	41	6	44
Grimsby Town	32	12	8	12	39	39	0	44
Cambridge United	31	12	7	12	40	37	3	43
Blackpool	31	10	12	9	45	33	12	42
Morecambe	30	12	5	13	39	46	-7	41
Crawley Town	31	11	6	14	38	49	-11	39
YEovil TOWN	32	9	11	12	33	40	-7	38
Crewe Alexandra	32	8	12	12	35	46	-11	36
Accrington Stanley	30	8	9	13	32	42	-10	33
Notts County	32	9	6	17	37	58	-21	33
Cheltenham Town	32	7	11	14	36	46	-10	32
Hartlepool United	32	7	11	14	38	56	-18	32
Leyton Orient	32	8	5	19	35	50	-15	29
Newport County	31	5	10	16	35	50	-15	25

Top scorers (all comps)

1. Francis Zoko	10
2= Tom Eaves	7
2= Otis Khan	7

Shots

1. Tom Eaves	29
2. Otis Khan	21
3. F.Zoko	15
4. M.Dolan	11

Assists

1. Matt Dolan	5
2= Otis Khan	4
2= Kevin Dawson	4
2= Ben Whitfield	4

Appearances

1. Tom Eaves	38
2= Nathan Smith	36
2= Kevin Dawson	36
2= Artur Krysiak	36

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday, Feb 25th - A v Notts County (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Tuesday, Feb 28th - H v MANSFIELD (7.45pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 4th - H v LUTON TOWN (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 11th - A v Morecambe (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Wednesday, March 15th - H v BARNET (8pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 18th - H v ACCRINGTON ST (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 25th - A v Exeter City (3pm) Sky Bet D2

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■ GOING WELL: The Chard Hockey Club first XI who currently sit in second spot in the Southern League Two table. Line-up, standing, from left: Simon Green, Ben Larcombe, Ben Sheahan, Matt Sheahan (Vice Captain), Fraser Lewis, Mike Wakeley, Harry Felgate. Front: Danny Grabham, Jonny Crease (Capt), Oscar Smith (GK) Adam Veitch, Nathan Johnson.